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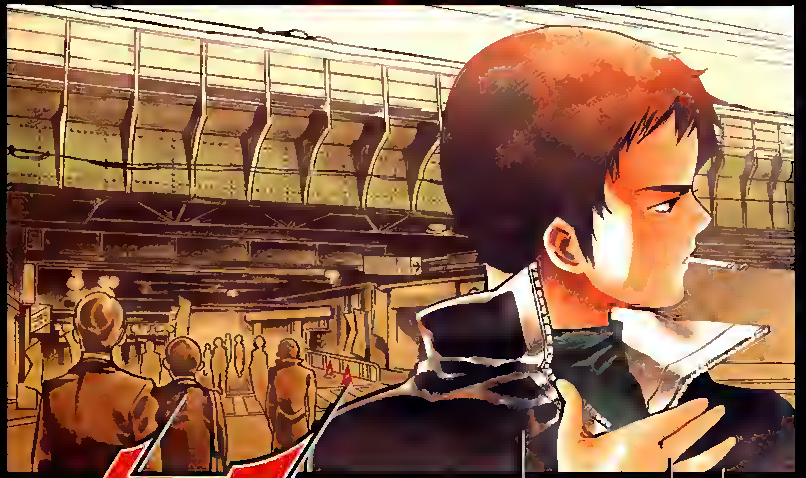

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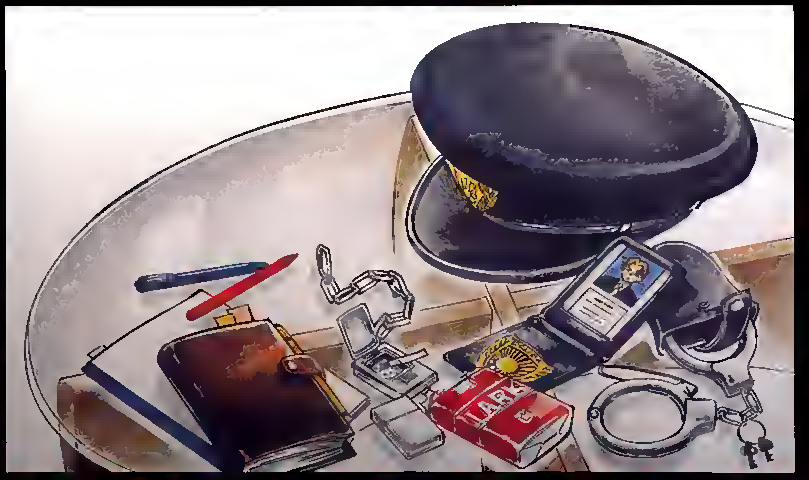

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世に詐欺師、3種あり。
人を騙し金銭を毟り取る白鷺、異性の心と体を弄ぶ赤鷺、
そして、人は喰らわず白鷺と赤鷺のみを喰らう史上最凶の詐欺師――黒鷺。
父親が詐欺師に嵌められて起こした無理心中で唯一生き残った黒崎は、
この世の白鷺を喰い尽くすため、家族を破滅させた詐欺の計画を立てた張本人である
フィクサーと呼ばれる男から情報を買う、黒鷺となった。
"――もちろん、文句なんかないよ。
おれは、被害者のために、この仕事をしてるんじゃないからね…"
国民的大ヒット！戦慄の詐欺サスペンス、第9弾!!

年商20億の新興企業より、
20年続いた零細企業を信じなよ——

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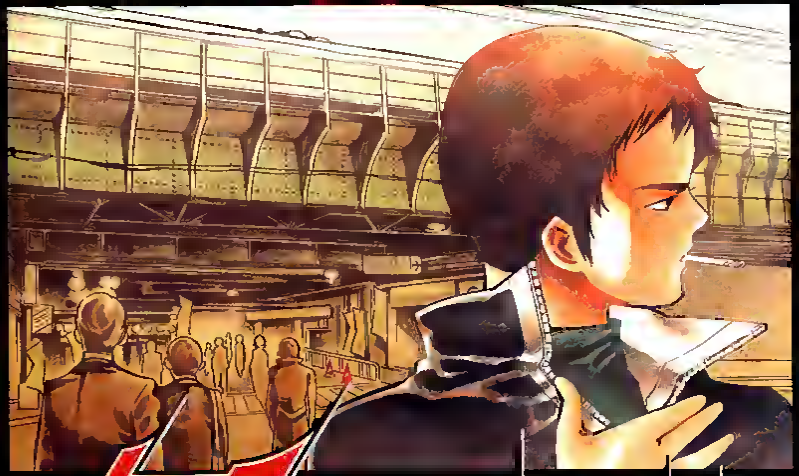

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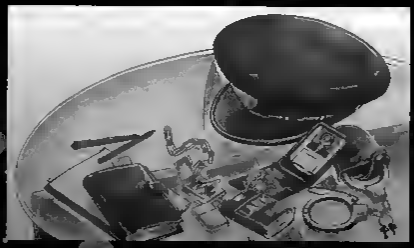

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PLEASE DONA~TE!
戦災孤児のため
FOR WAR ORPHANS
PLEASE DONATE FOR THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE LOST THEIR PARENTS TO WA~RS!
!

CHAPTER 87 FUND-RAISER FRAUD (FIRST PART)

I DUNNO... SURE THERE ARE SCAMS LIKE THAT BUT,
IT'S NOT ALWAYS LIKE THAT—
COULDN'T A FUND-RAISER LIKE THAT BE A SCAM? I HEARD IT ON TV.
HEY, TSURARA
KUROSAKI...

FUND-RAISER FRAUD, HUH...
SEIWA UNIVERSITY
HAVE YOU SEEN IT, MS. YOSHIKAWA?
WELL, YEAH... KINDA.
PARTICULARLY FROM THE MASS MEDIA...
IT HAS RECENTLY GOTTEN PUBLIC ATTENTION. HUH
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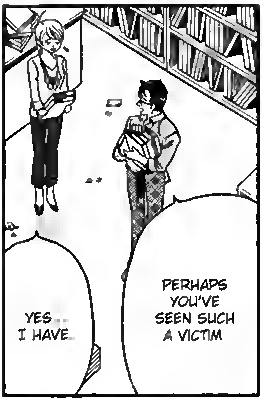
BUT, PROFESSOR AOKI... I'M NOT SAYING ALL THE STREET FUND-RAISERS ARE FRAUDS.
OF COURSE
VERY FEW ARE ACTUAL FRAUDS, AND I THINK MOST STREET FUND-RAISERS ARE LEGITIMATE.



BUT, A PROPER FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN WILL BE CLEAR ABOUT THEIR ORGANIZATION NAME AND CONTACT POINTS
BECAUSE OF THAT, THOSE MOST LIKELY TO BE HURT ARE THOSE DILIGENTLY COLLECTING THE FUNDS...

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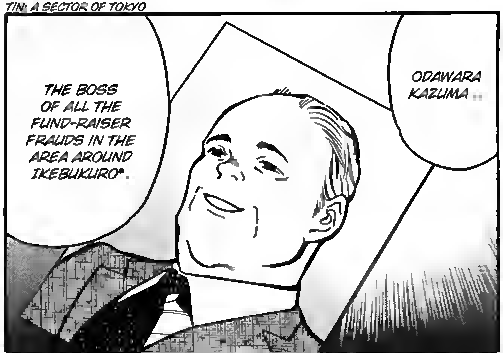
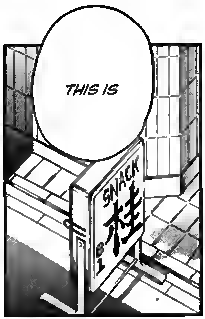
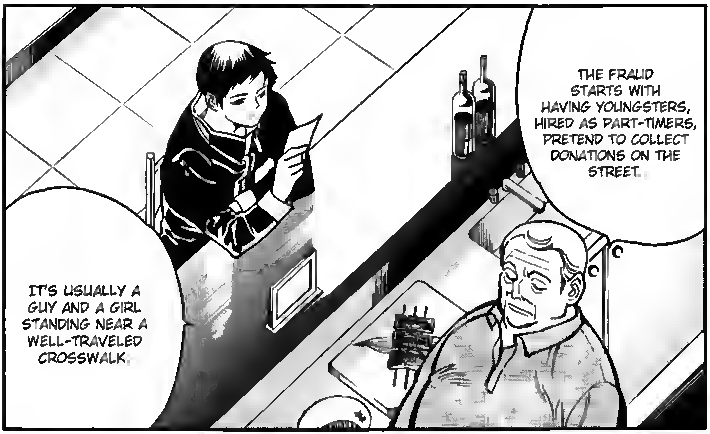
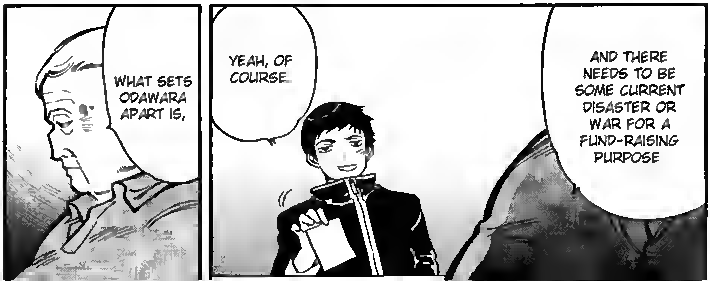


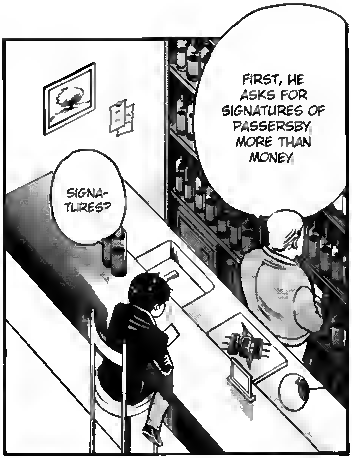


HE CERTAINLY HAS A PHILANTHROPIC FACE...


THE FRAUD STARTS WITH HAVING YOUNGSTERS, HIRED AS PART-TIMERS, PRETEND TO COLLECT DONATIONS ON THE STREET.
IT'S USUALLY A GUY AND A GIRL STANDING NEAR A WELL-TRAVELED CROSSWALK.


WHAT SETS ODAWARA APART IS,
YEAH, OF COURSE.
AND THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME CURRENT DISASTER OR WAR FOR A FUND-RAISING PURPOSE

AND SIGNING PLAYS TO PEOPLE'S SELF-IMAGE.
THERE MIGHT BE PEOPLE UNWILLING TO DONATE MONEY, BUT MANY WILL SIGN WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT.



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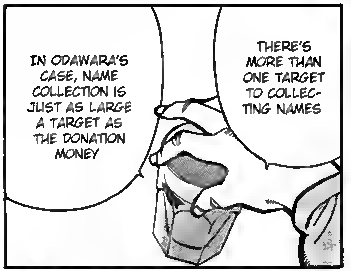
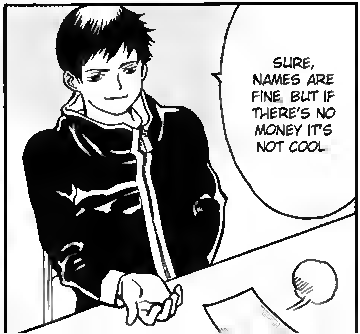
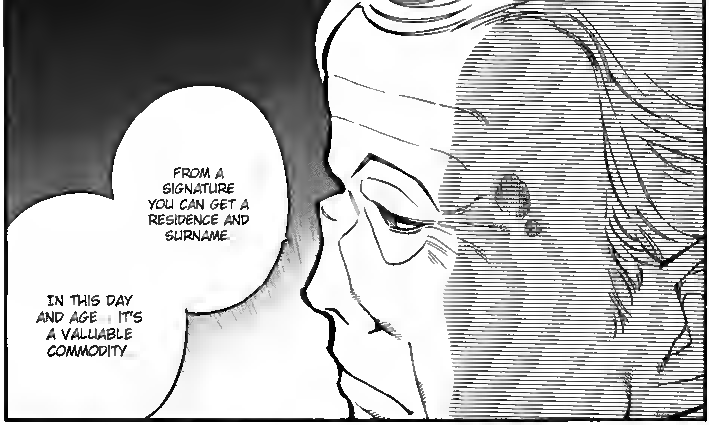
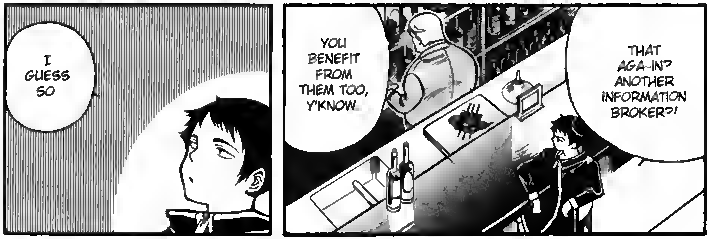

IN ODAWARA'S CASE, NAME COLLECTION IS JUST AS LARGE A TARGET AS THE DONATION MONEY
THERE'S MORE THAN ONE TARGET TO COLLEC-TING NAMES

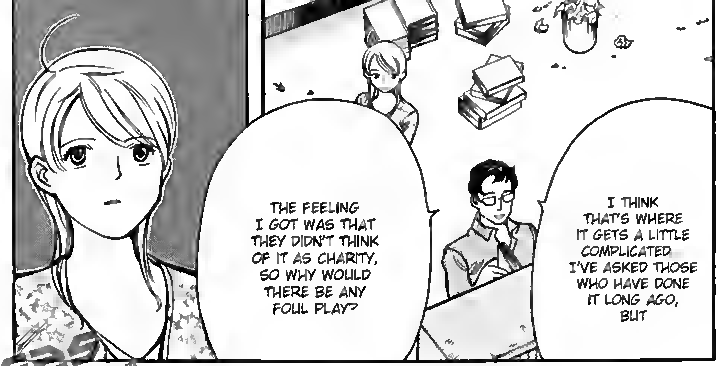
TL: OLD MAN KATSURA SURE LIKES TO PULL OUT HIS EXPLANATIONS ACROSS MULTIPLE PAGES, HUH LOL




FROM A SIGNATURE YOU CAN GET A RESIDENCE AND SURNAME.
IN THIS DAY AND AGE, IT'S A VALUABLE COMMODITY.


I GUESS SO
YOU BENEFIT FROM THEM TOO, Y'KNOW.
THAT AGA-IN? ANOTHER INFORMATION BROKER?!

LIKELY ONLY THINKING THEY ARE ACTUALLY FUND-RAISING,
OBLIVIOUS TO THE FRAUD GOING ON, RIGHT?
IN REALITY, THE PEOPLE WHO ARE STANDING ON THE STREET CORNERS HOLDING THE DONATION BOXES FOR THE FUND-RAISER FRAUDS ARE


I THINK THAT'S WHERE IT GETS A LITTLE COMPLICATED I'VE ASKED THOSE WHO HAVE DONE IT LONG AGO, BUT
THE FEELING I GOT WAS THAT THEY DIDN'T THINK OF IT AS CHARITY, SO WHY WOULD THERE BE ANY FOUL PLAY?

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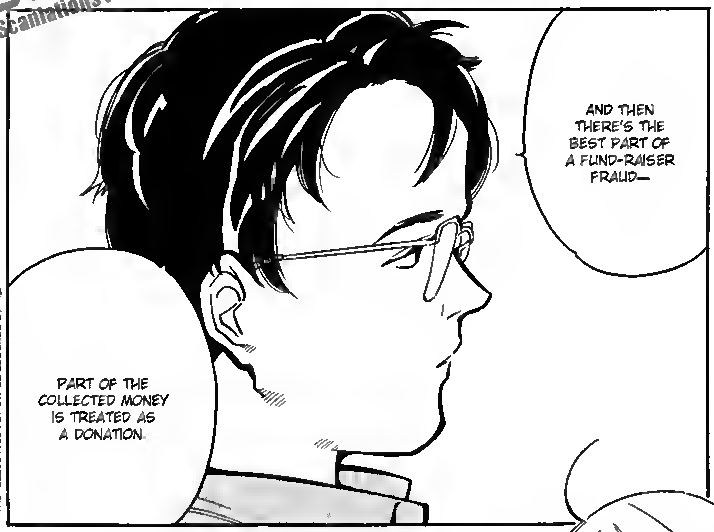
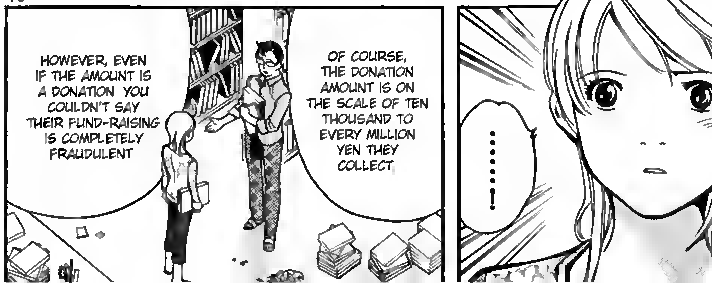


TL: AS OPPOSED TO MONEY COLLECTED I'M SURE THERE'S SOMETHING IN JAPANESE LAW THAT SHUTS MONEY COLLECTED FROM GIFTS.


HOWEVER, EVEN IF THE AMOUNT IS A DONATION YOU COULDN'T SAY THEIR FUND-RAISING IS COMPLETELY FRAUDULENT
OF COURSE, THE DONATION AMOUNT IS ON THE SCALE OF TEN THOUSAND TO EVERY MILLION YEN THEY COLLECT.
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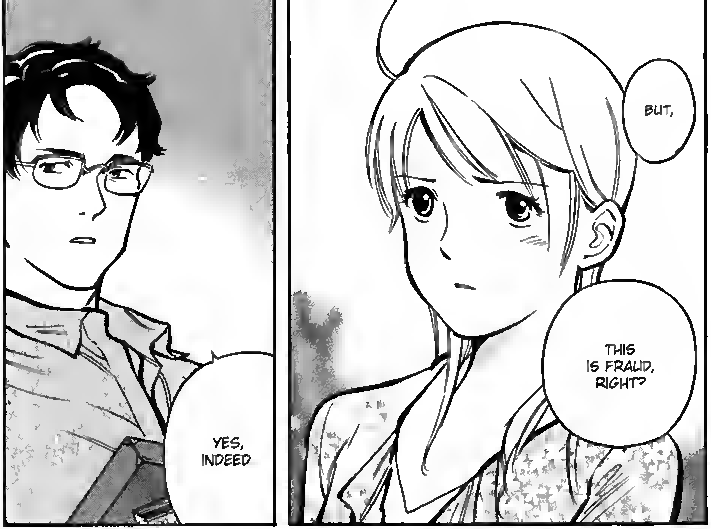
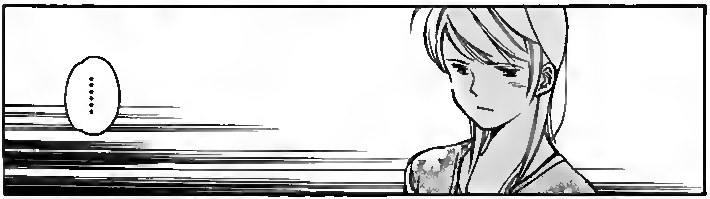

YES, INDEED
BUT, THIS IS FRAUD, RIGHT?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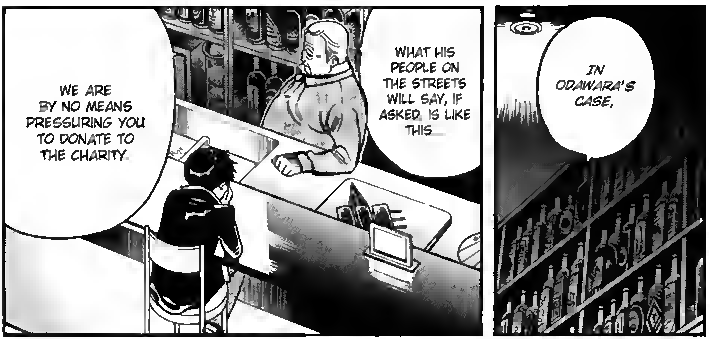
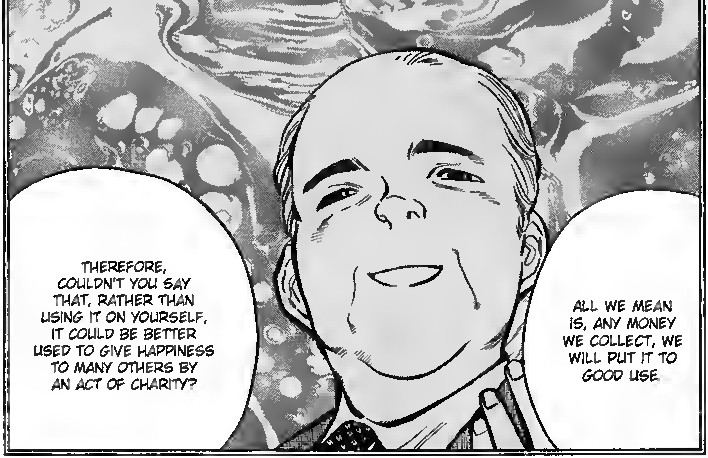
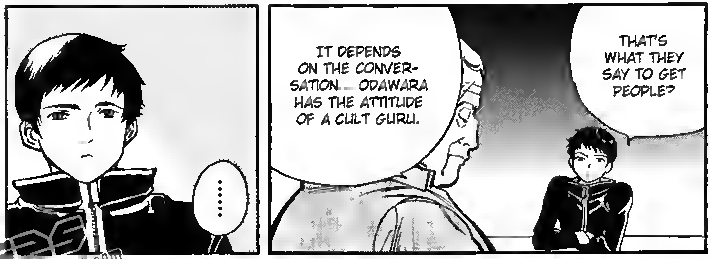

WE ARE BY NO MEANS PRESSURING YOU TO DONATE TO THE CHARITY.
WHAT HIS PEOPLE ON THE STREETS WILL SAY, IF ASKED, IS LIKE THIS.....
IN ODAWARA'S CASE,


ALL WE MEAN IS, ANY MONEY WE COLLECT, WE WILL PUT IT TO GOOD USE.
THEREFORE, COULDN'T YOU SAY THAT, RATHER THAN USING IT ON YOURSELF, IT COULD BE BETTER USED TO GIVE HAPPINESS TO MANY OTHERS BY AN ACT OF CHARITY?


THAT'S WHAT THEY SAY TO GET PEOPLE?
IT DEPENDS ON THE CONVERSATION... ODAWARA HAS THE ATTITUDE OF A CULT GURU.
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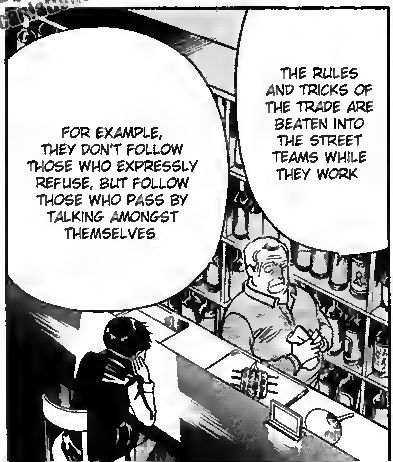
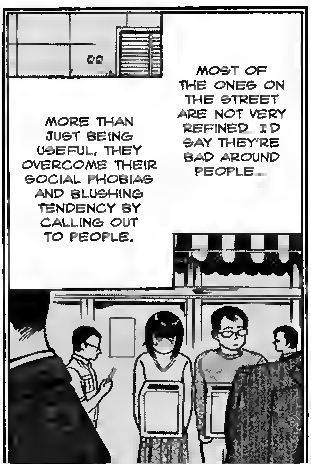
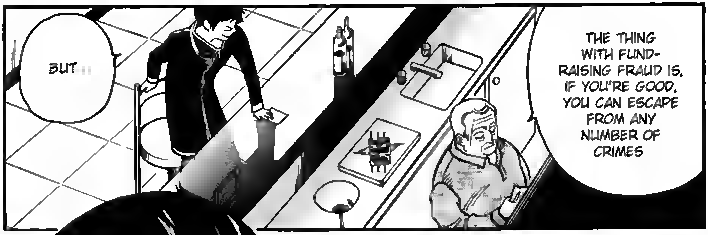
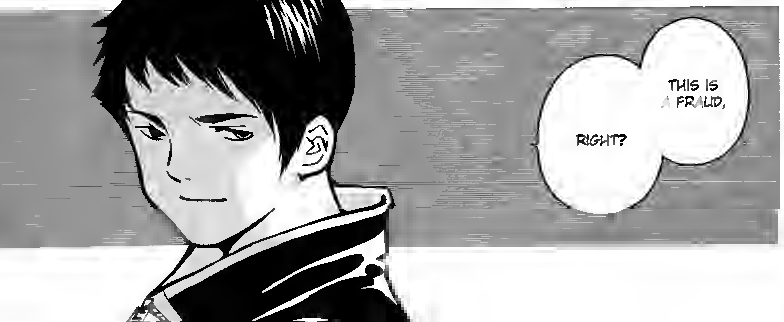

THE RULES AND TRICKS OF THE TRADE ARE BEATEN INTO THE STREET TEAMS WHILE THEY WORK
FOR EXAMPLE, THEY DON'T FOLLOW THOSE WHO EXPRESSLY REFUSE, BUT FOLLOW THOSE WHO PASS BY TALKING AMONGST THEMSELVES


MOST OF THE ONES ON THE STREET ARE NOT VERY REFINED. I'D SAY THEY'RE BAD AROUND PEOPLE...
MORE THAN JUST BEING USEFUL, THEY OVERCOME THEIR SOCIAL PHOBIAS AND BLUSHING TENDENCY BY CALLING OUT TO PEOPLE.

IF ASKED FOR THE CHARITY'S FULL NAME, THEY ANSWER THAT THEY'RE CONNECTED TO THE RED CROSS... IF ASKED FOR A CONTACT POINT, THEY SAY 'RIGHT HERE'
THERE'S ALSO A WAY TO BLOCK THE PATH WITHOUT BEING CAUGHT BY TRAFFIC COPS, AND NOT LETTING ANYONE PASS WITHOUT AT LEAST LOOKING AT THEIR FLYER.
THERE ARE MANY THINGS TO BE AWARE OF SO AS NOT TO SHOW YOUR TRUE COLORS


THE THING WITH FUND-RAISING FRAUD IS, IF YOU'RE GOOD, YOU CAN ESCAPE FROM ANY NUMBER OF CRIMES
BUT...


THIS IS A FRAUD, RIGHT?

MY MOTHER IS
GENERALLY NOT ONE TO DOUBT PEOPLE
SO, SHE REALLY WOULD GIVE HER MONEY TO SUCH A FRAUD.

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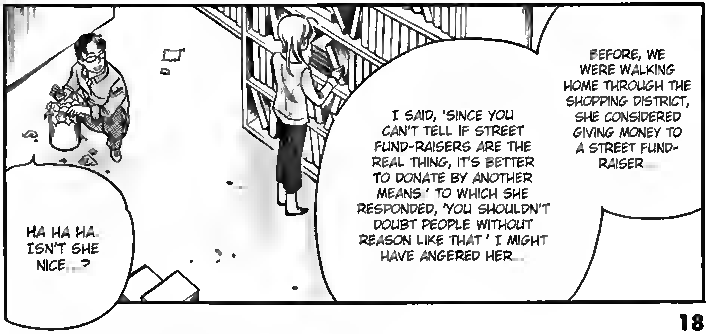
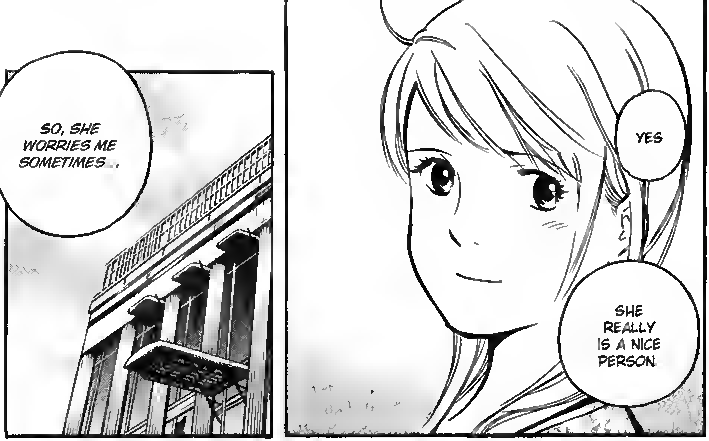
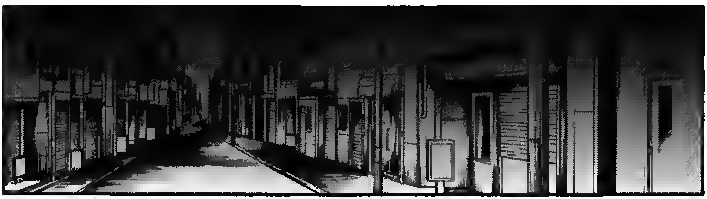

BEFORE, WE WERE WALKING HOME THROUGH THE SHOPPING DISTRICT, SHE CONSIDERED GIVING MONEY TO A STREET FUND-RAISER...
I SAID, 'SINCE YOU CAN'T TELL IF STREET FUND-RAISERS ARE THE REAL THING, IT'S BETTER TO DONATE BY ANOTHER MEANS.' TO WHICH SHE RESPONDED, 'YOU SHOULDN'T DOUBT PEOPLE WITHOUT REASON LIKE THAT.' I MIGHT HAVE ANGERED HER...
HA HA HA. ISN'T SHE NICE...?


SO, SHE WORRIES ME SOMETIMES...
YES
SHE REALLY IS A NICE PERSON



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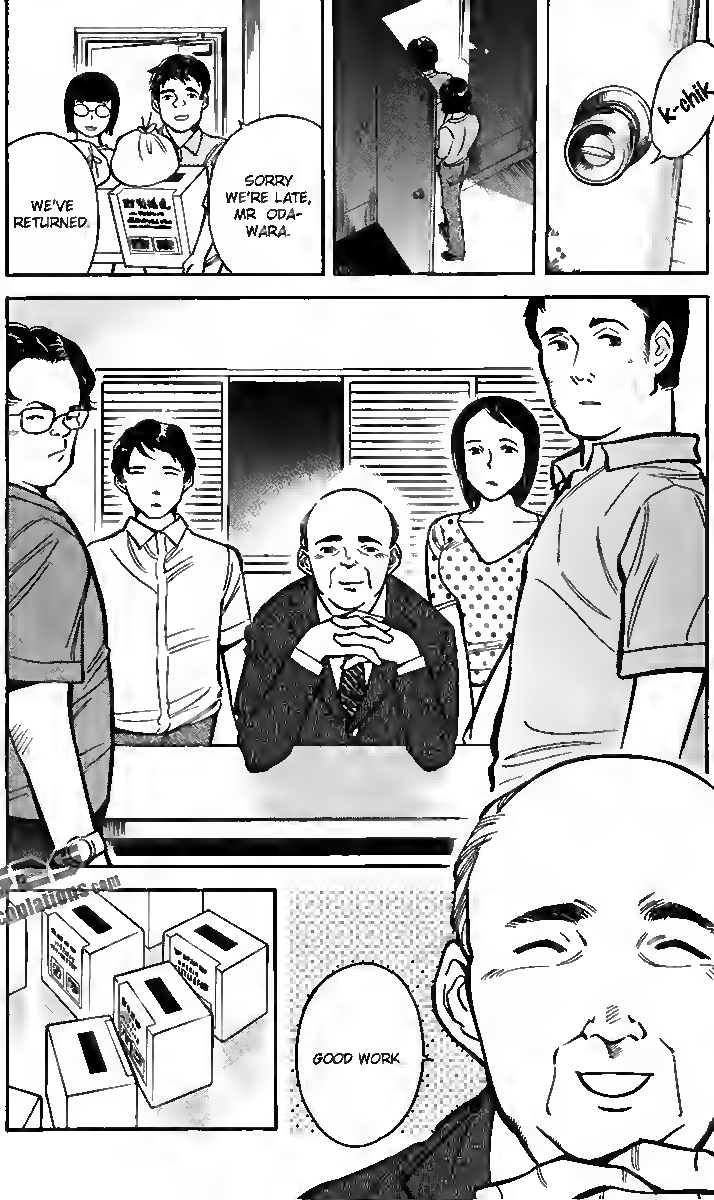
IT'S YAMAGUCHI AND OHSAKO
knock knock



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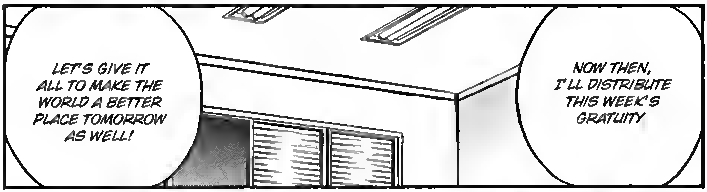

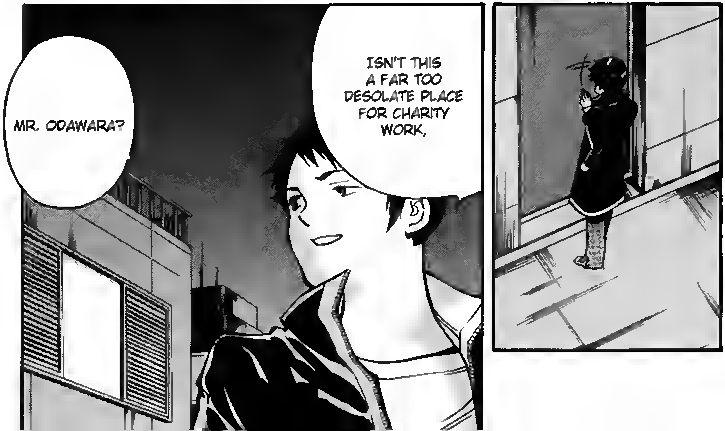

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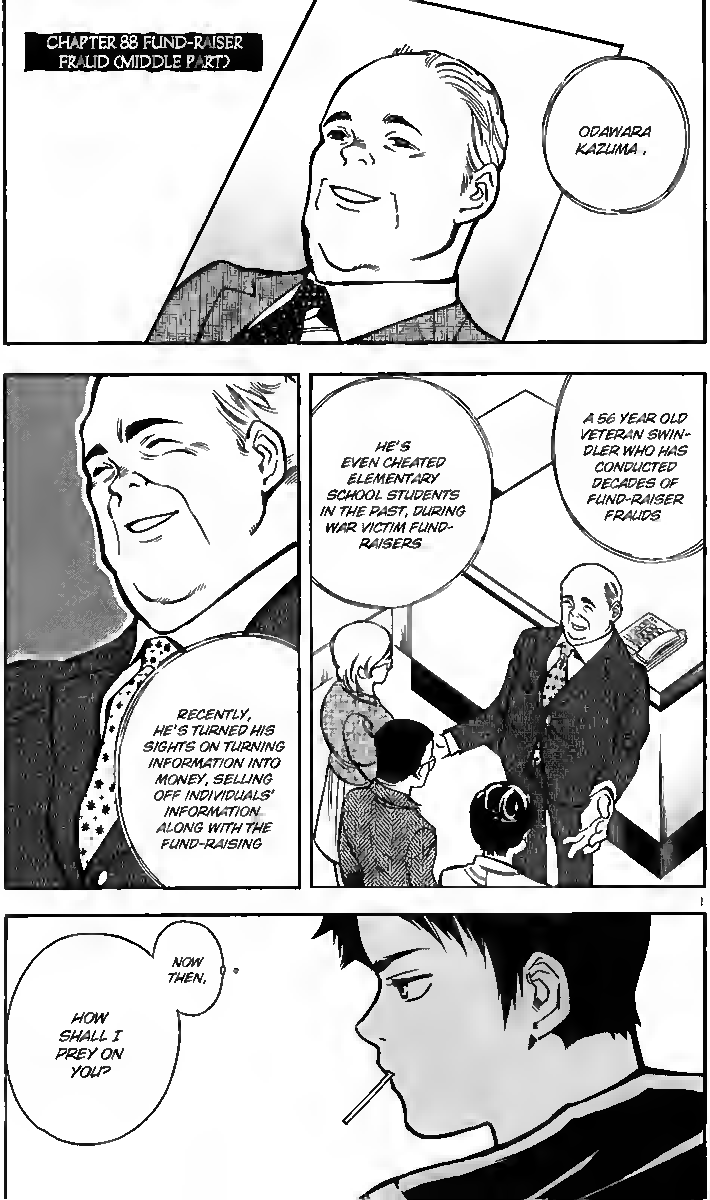
CHAPTER 88 FUND-RAISER FRAUD (MIDDLE PART)
ODAWARA KAZUMA.
A 56 YEAR OLD VETERAN SWINDLER WHO HAS CONDUCTED DECADES OF FUND-RAISER FRAUDS
HE'S EVEN CHEATED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE PAST, DURING WAR VICTIM FUND-RAISERS
RECENTLY, HE'S TURNED HIS SIGHTS ON TURNING INFORMATION INTO MONEY, SELLING OFF INDIVIDUALS' INFORMATION ALONG WITH THE FUND-RAISING
NOW THEN,
HOW SHALL I PREY ON YOU?

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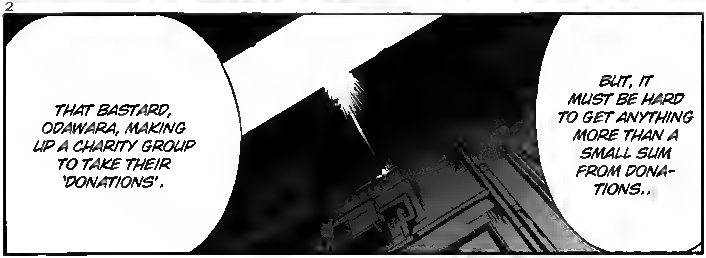
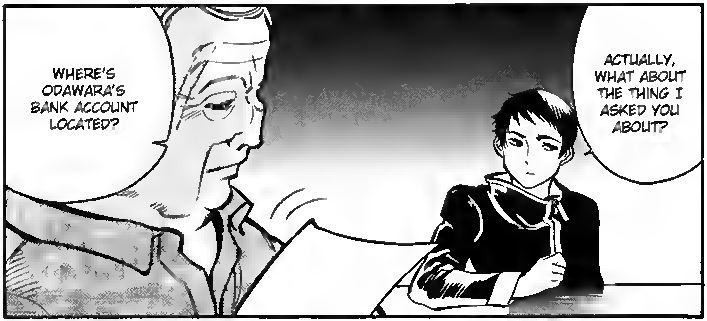

THAT BASTARD, ODAWARA, MAKING UP A CHARITY GROUP TO TAKE THEIR 'DONATIONS'.
BUT, IT MUST BE HARD TO GET ANYTHING MORE THAN A SMALL SUM FROM DONATIONS..

TL: HE ACTUALLY SAYS THIS SUPER SARCASTIC POLITELY



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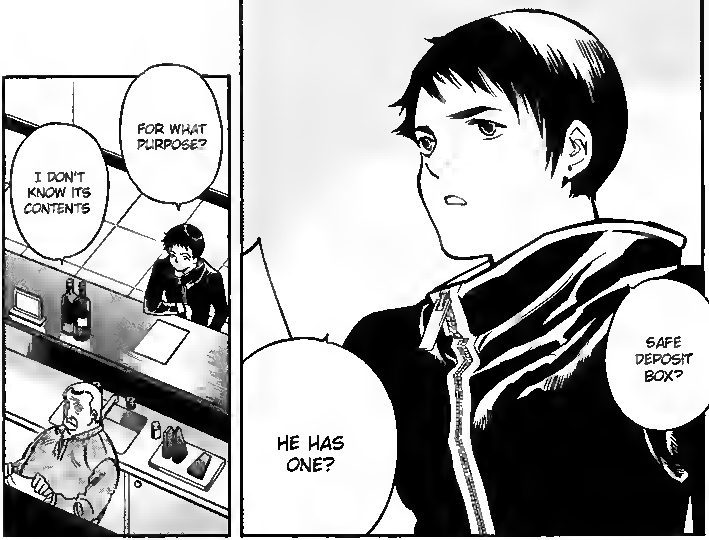
SEVEN COLORS BANK PRINCE BRANCH... A DEPOSITED SUM OF THREE MILLION YEN?
HE'S SAVED UP A BIT...
WHAT'S THIS NUMBER UNDERNEATH? IT'S NOT THE ACCOUNT NUMBER...
IT'S A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX NUMBER.



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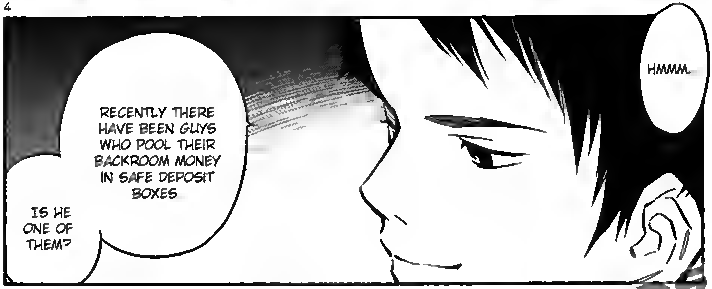

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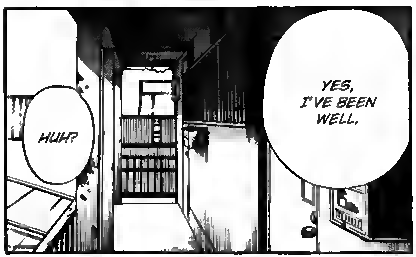
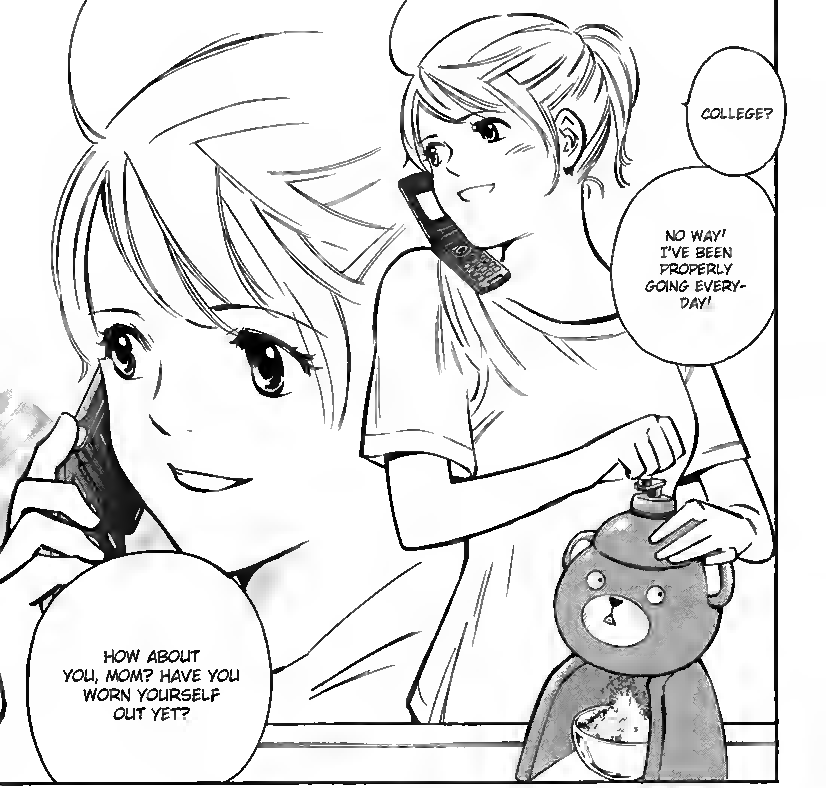
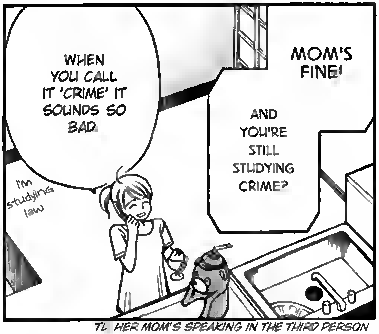
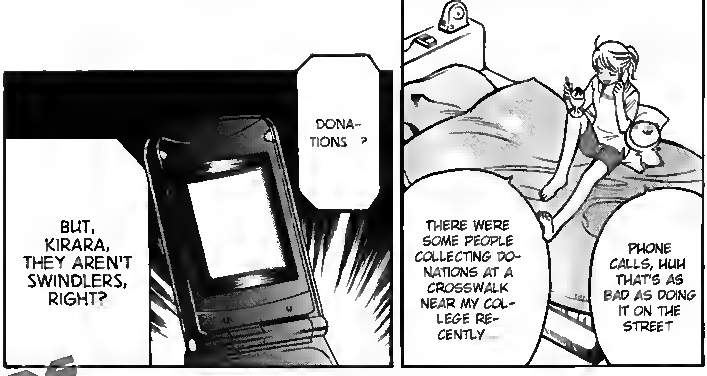




THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF FRAUDS AROUND RECENTLY... YOU OKAY, MOM?
I HAVE HEARD A LOT ABOUT THEM RECENTLY... LIKE GETTING STRANGE PHONE CALLS



TL: HER MOM'S SPEAKING IN THE THIRD PERSON


PHONE CALLS, HUH THAT'S AS BAD AS DOING IT ON THE STREET
THERE WERE SOME PEOPLE COLLECTING DONATIONS AT A CROSSWALK NEAR MY COLLEGE RECENTLY...
DONATIONS?
BUT, KIRARA, THEY AREN'T SWINDLERS, RIGHT?

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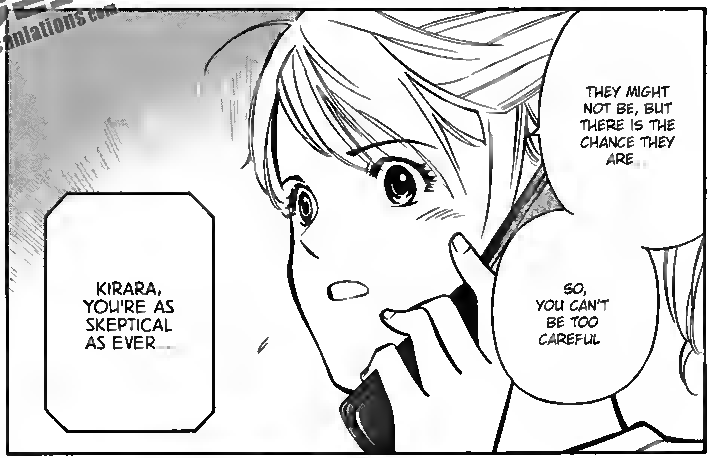

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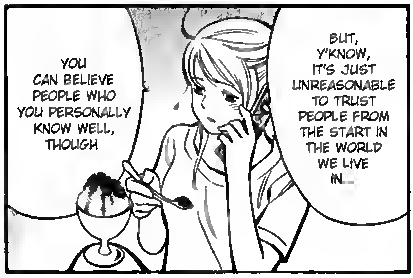
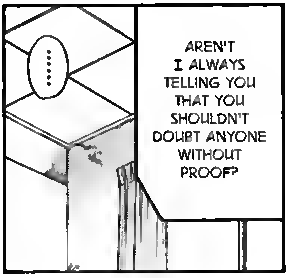

BUT, Y'KNOW, IT'S JUST UNREASONABLE TO TRUST PEOPLE FROM THE START IN THE WORLD WE LIVE IN...
YOU CAN BELIEVE PEOPLE WHO YOU PERSONALLY KNOW WELL, THOUGH



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SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN THAT
MY DEAR WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO APOLOGIZE FOR?
ISN'T IT SAID, 'SHOW ME AN HONEST MAN AND I WILL SHOW YOU A FOOL'?
IF YOU ALWAYS TRUST THEM FROM THE START, MOM... YOU WILL QUICKLY BE TRICKED BY SOMEONE
I'VE JUST BEEN THINKING STRANGE THINGS RECENTLY...
WHY DO I ALWAYS HAVE TO BE LIKE THIS..
BUT EVEN THEN, I'M SURE TO STILL HAVE THESE OVERWHELMING, UNWANTED FEELINGS.

SPEAKING OF WHICH, HE CAME HOME LAST WEEK.
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TSUBARA, ARE YOU REFERRING TO YOUR FATHER?
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HE'S STILL...
YOUR FATHER IS ALWAYS WITHOUT MONEY.
AND I'VE GOTTEN SO USED TO IT. I'M PAST BEING ANGRY.
THOSE FUND-RAISERS...
IT'D BE NICE IF THEY WEREN'T A FRAUD.
THEREFORE, WE MUST SURELY BE FAMILY, RIGHT?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ALL OF A SUDDEN...?
MM, NOTHING.
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JUST, IF THEY AREN'T SWINDLERS, AND ARE TRULY FUND-RAISING,
AND THOSE DONATING AREN'T HURT EITHER, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE NICE
THAT'S RIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT, THIS ISN'T A MATTER FOR WHICH YOU SHOULD DOUBT PEOPLE WITHOUT REASON.
YEAH.

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Seven Colors Bank Prince Branch
Account number 000-1122334455
Name ootawara kazuma
Consumer Contract Communication Fee Payment Default
Reminder Notification Sheet (Reminder Notice)
Lawsuit Number (ku) 1234
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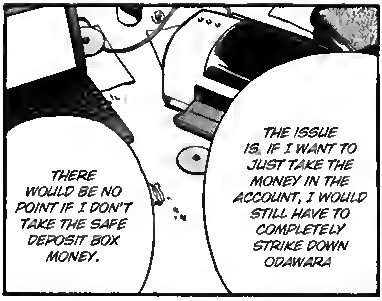
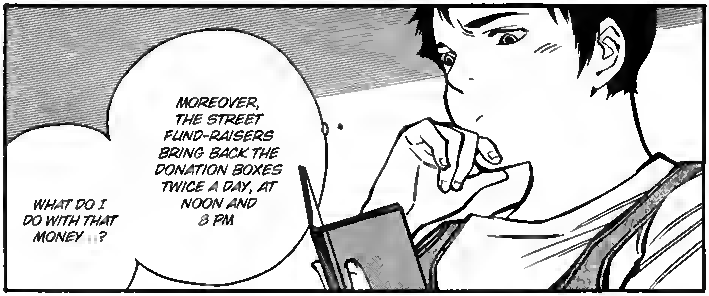
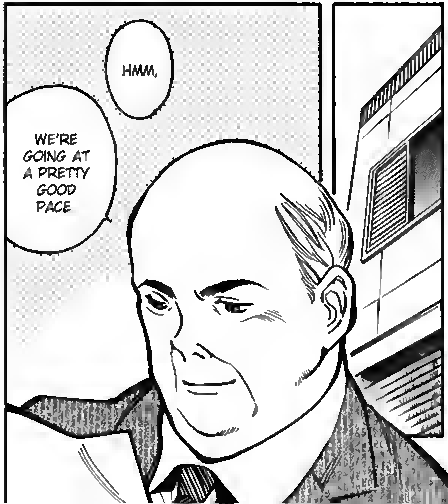

THERE WOULD BE NO POINT IF I DON'T TAKE THE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX MONEY.
THE ISSUE IS, IF I WANT TO JUST TAKE THE MONEY IN THE ACCOUNT, I WOULD STILL HAVE TO COMPLETELY STRIKE DOWN ODAWARA





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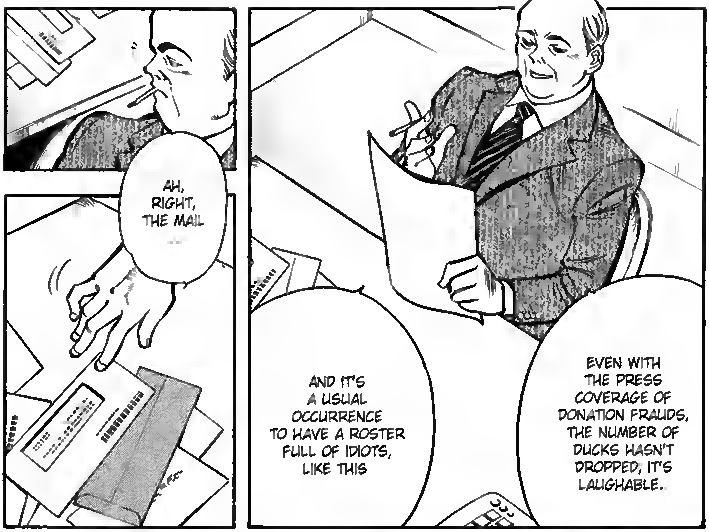
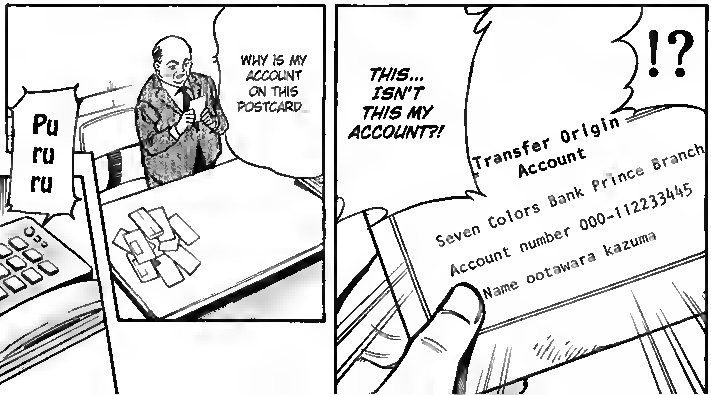

AH, RIGHT, THE MAIL
AND IT'S A USUAL OCCURRENCE TO HAVE A ROSTER FULL OF IDIOTS, LIKE THIS
EVEN WITH THE PRESS COVERAGE OF DONATION FRAUDS, THE NUMBER OF DUCKS HASN'T DROPPED, IT'S LAUGHABLE.
THERE'S STILL PEOPLE WHO WOULD TRY—
HM, AN ERRONEOUS CLAIM?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WHY IS MY ACCOUNT ON THIS POSTCARD...
THIS... ISN'T THIS MY ACCOUNT?!
!?
Transfer Origin Account
Seven Colors Bank Prince Branch
Account number 000-112233445
Name ootawara kazuma

HELLO...
EXCUSE ME. IS MR. ODAWARA KAZUMA THERE?
I AM MURAI FROM SEVEN COLORS BANK, PRINCE BRANCH.
ACTUALLY...
THIS IS REGARDING A BANK ACCOUNT IN MR. ODAWARA'S NAME. AN ACCOUNT FREEZE HAS BEEN COMMUNICATED TO US FROM THE KANTO FINANCE BUREAU.
WHAT DID YOU SAY?! HOW COULD...
I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU RECEIVED A POSTCARD MENTIONING ENTRY OF AN ERRONEOUS CLAIM.
THIS THING?!
NATURALLY, WE ARE UNABLE TO CONTACT YOU LIKE THIS. HOWEVER, DUE TO YOUR CONTINUED PATRONAGE, AND THE LARGE AMOUNT IN OUR CARE...
I FELT I SHOULD TAKE SOME SORT OF MEASURES...
YOU HAVE A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX AT OUR MAIN BRANCH CORRECT?

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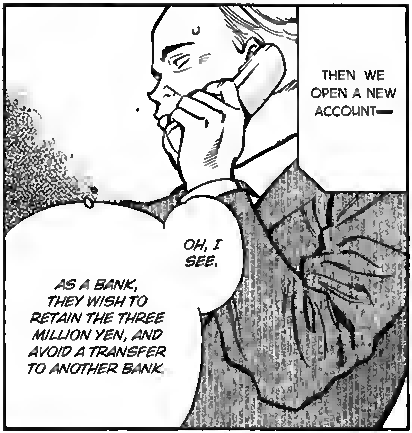
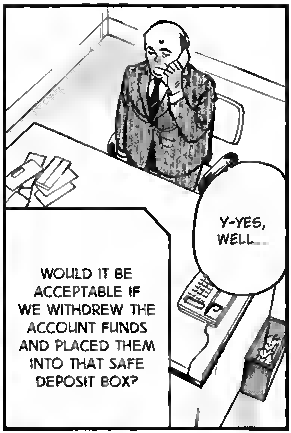
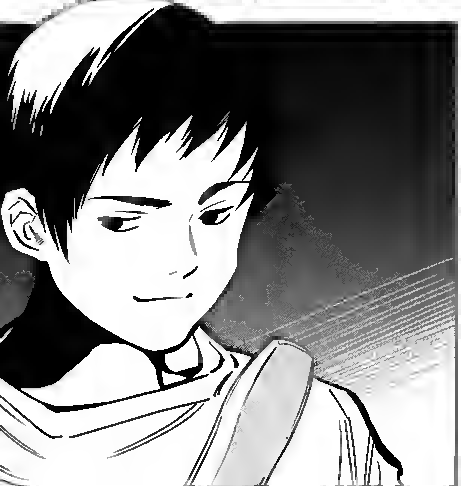

THEN WE OPEN A NEW ACCOUNT—
OH, I SEE.
AS A BANK, THEY WISH TO RETAIN THE THREE MILLION YEN, AND AVOID A TRANSFER TO ANOTHER BANK.


Y-YES, WELL...
WOULD IT BE ACCEPTABLE IF WE WITHDREW THE ACCOUNT FUNDS AND PLACED THEM INTO THAT SAFE DEPOSIT BOX?

THEREFORE WHILE THE PROCEDURES ARE IN ORDER, I EARNESTLY ASK YOU TO KEEP THIS CONFIDENTIAL, PARTICULARLY REGARDING THE BRANCH
THIS IS A SPECIAL MEASURE SO NO TELLER WILL KNOW ABOUT IT.



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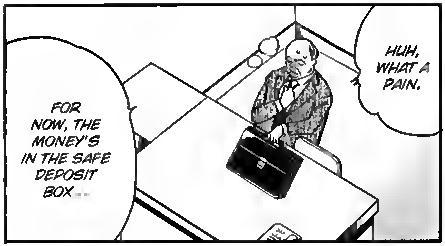
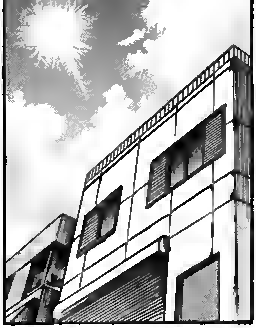
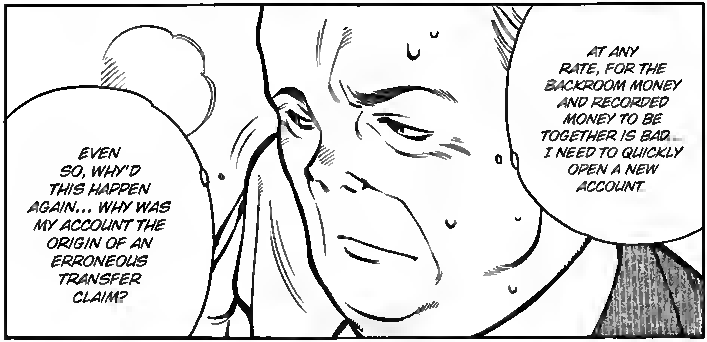
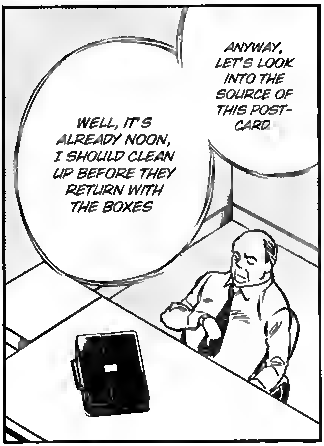
UNDERSTOOD. WELL THEN, PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THE PROCEDURES.






AT ANY RATE, FOR THE BACKROOM MONEY AND RECORDED MONEY TO BE TOGETHER IS BAD... I NEED TO QUICKLY OPEN A NEW ACCOUNT.
EVEN SO, WHY'D THIS HAPPEN AGAIN... WHY WAS MY ACCOUNT THE ORIGIN OF AN ERRONEOUS TRANSFER CLAIM?


ANYWAY, LET'S LOOK INTO THE SOURCE OF THIS POST-CARD.
WELL, IT'S ALREADY NOON, I SHOULD CLEAN UP BEFORE THEY RETURN WITH THE BOXES

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YOU ARE MR. ODAWARA, RIGHT?
PLEASED TO MEET YOU, I'M IWASAKI, FROM THE COMMITTEE OF UNIVERSAL PEACE PROMOTION!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION!!
I'M SPEAKING OF THE DONATION MY GROUP RECEIVED FROM YOUR COLLECTIONS—
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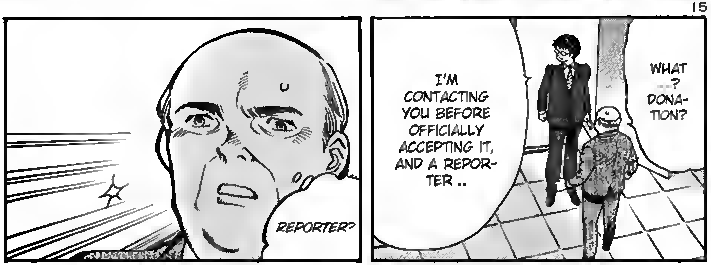
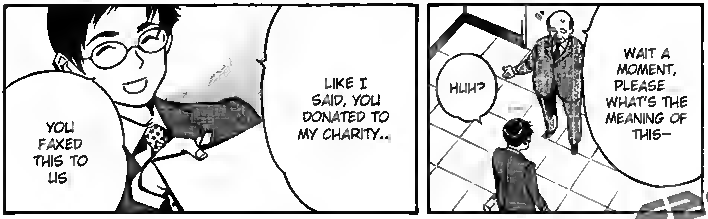

WHAT ? DONATION?
I'M CONTACTING YOU BEFORE OFFICIALLY ACCEPTING IT, AND A REPORTER ..
REPORTER?

ANYWAY, IT WAS A BRIEF CONVERSATION, BUT SINCE THEY'RE SHORT ON COVERAGE TIME, I KIND OF OFFERED...
THAT SAID, I ALSO FEEL THAT YOUR PRAISEWORTHY ACT SHOULD BE PROMOTED BY THE MASS MEDIA



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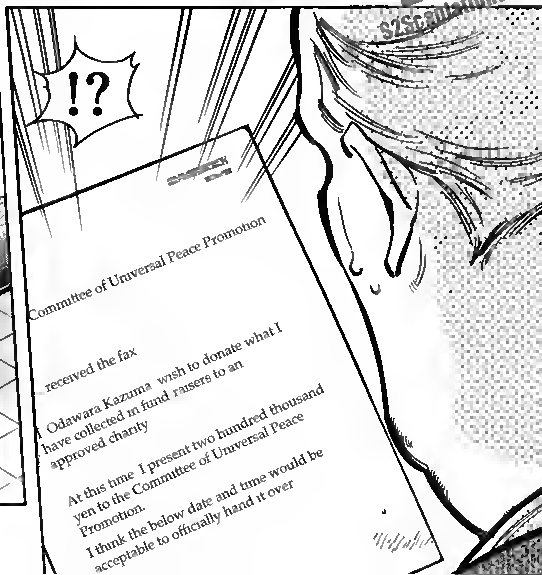
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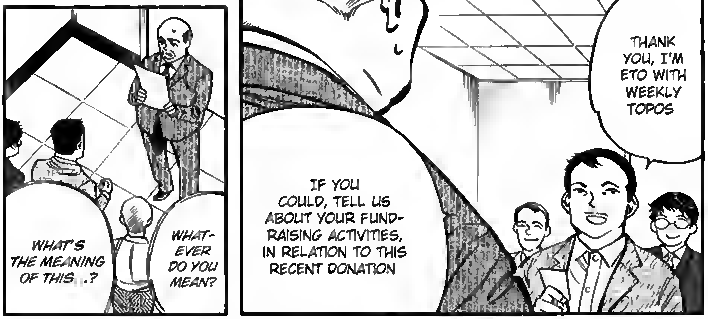
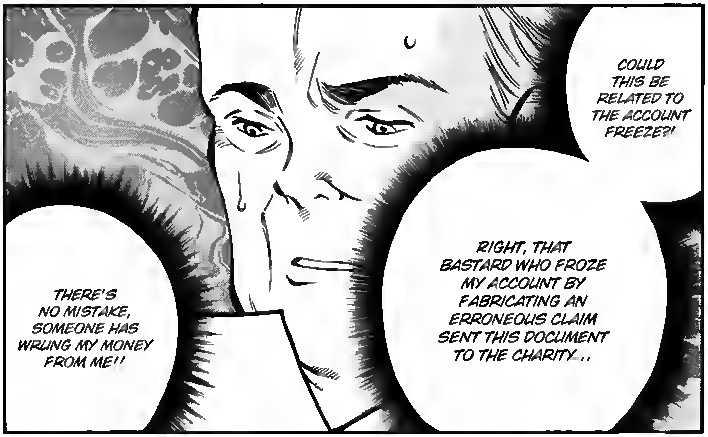
Committee of Universal Peace Promotion
received the fax
Odawara Kazuma wish to donate what I have collected in fund raisers to an approved charity
At this time I present two hundred thousand yen to the Committee of Universal Peace Promotion.
I think the below date and time would be acceptable to officially hand it over


THANK YOU, I'M ETO WITH WEEKLY TOPOS
IF YOU COULD, TELL US ABOUT YOUR FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES, IN RELATION TO THIS RECENT DONATION
WHAT-EVER DO YOU MEAN?
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS..?


COULD THIS BE RELATED TO THE ACCOUNT FREEZE?!
RIGHT, THAT BASTARD WHO FROZE MY ACCOUNT BY FABRICATING AN ERRONEOUS CLAIM SENT THIS DOCUMENT TO THE CHARITY..
THERE'S NO MISTAKE, SOMEONE HAS WRUNG MY MONEY FROM ME!!

BUT, WHO COULD IT..
!
?

TH-THAT ONE...
NO WAY,
HIM...?!

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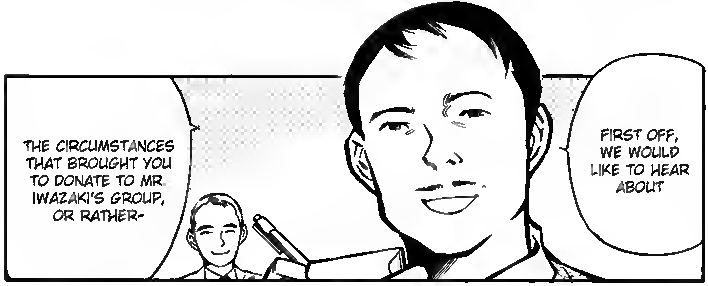

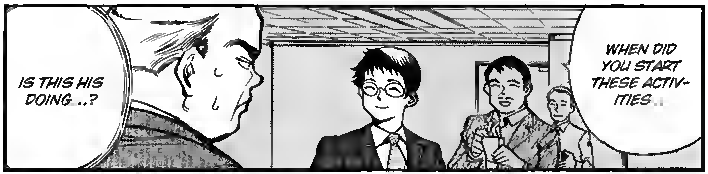

FORCING A FREEZE ON MY ACCOUNT BY ILLEGITIMATELY PUTTING MY ACCOUNT NUMBER ON HIS ERRONEOUS CLAIM SLIP
AND THEN NOW SAYING 'THIS FAX CAME IN', TRYING TO TAKE DONATION MONEY FROM ME IN FRONT OF THESE REPORTERS.
ALL OF THIS IS REALLY HIS DOING!?

CHAPTER 88 FUND-RAISER FRAUD (MIDDLE PART)

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HELLO~! WE'VE RETURNED, MR. ODAWARA...
?
SO, MR. ODAWARA, YOU'VE BEEN COLLECTING DONATIONS ALL THIS TIME?
Y-YEAH, PRETTY MUCH.
AH' YOU.. YOU MUST BE JUST RETURNING FROM FUND-RAISING ON THE STREET, RIGHT?!
EVERYONE, THE YOUTH WHO ARE VOLUNTEERING IN THE HEAT!
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NO, IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE VOLUNT...
MR. IWAZAKI! CAN I HAVE A MOMENT?
EH?
YOU'RE ASKING WHEN WE RECEIVED THE FAX... IS THAT IT?

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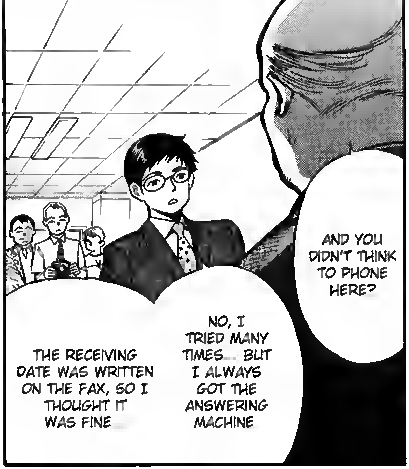
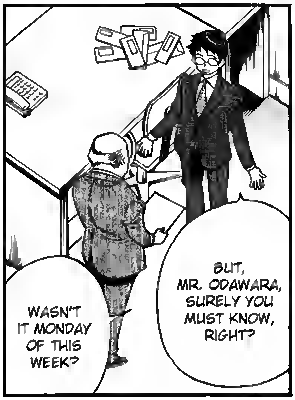
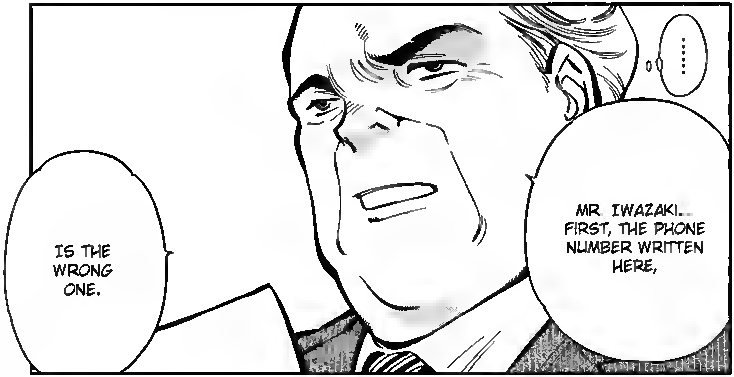

AND YOU DIDN'T THINK TO PHONE HERE?
NO, I TRIED MANY TIMES... BUT I ALWAYS GOT THE ANSWERING MACHINE
THE RECEIVING DATE WAS WRITTEN ON THE FAX, SO I THOUGHT IT WAS FINE...


BUT, MR. ODAWARA, SURELY YOU MUST KNOW, RIGHT?
WASN'T IT MONDAY OF THIS WEEK?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MR. IWAZAKI... FIRST, THE PHONE NUMBER WRITTEN HERE,
IS THE WRONG ONE.

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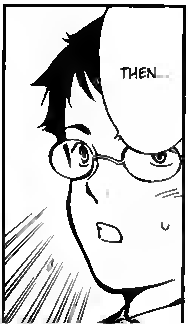
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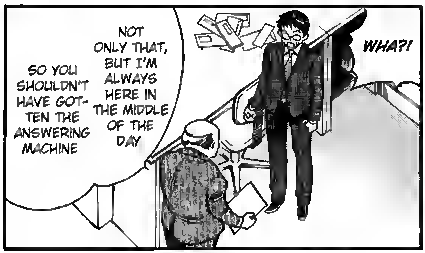
WHAT?!
NOT ONLY THAT, BUT I'M ALWAYS HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY
SO YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN THE ANSWERING MACHINE

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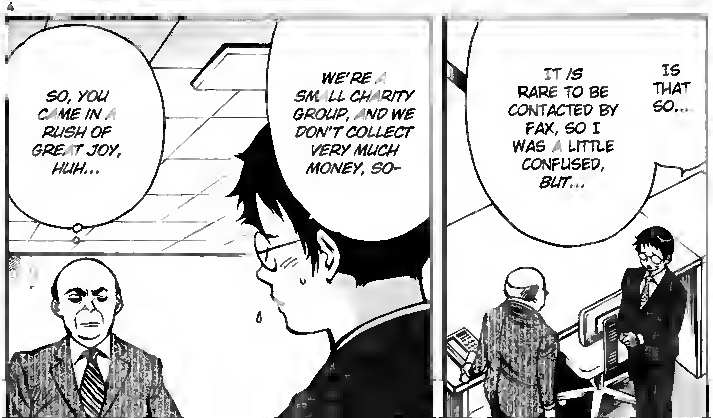
IS THAT SO...
IT IS RARE TO BE CONTACTED BY FAX, SO I WAS A LITTLE CONFUSED, BUT...
WE'RE A SMALL CHARITY GROUP, AND WE DON'T COLLECT VERY MUCH MONEY, SO-
SO, YOU CAME IN A RUSH OF GREAT JOY, HUH...

ALRIGHT,
AND SENT A FAX TO HIS COMPANY... THERE'S A POSSIBILITY OF THAT...
SO, BASICALLY, SOMEONE ELSE SET UP THE ACCOUNT FREEZE,
THE ONES WHO SET UP THIS CHAIN OF EVENTS AREN'T EXACTLY AIMING AT MY MONEY...
THEY'RE TRYING TO RUIN ME!
BY TAKING MY DONATION MONEY HERE, THEY CAN TELL HOW MUCH I HAVE.
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TL: SO 'ZENI' IS THE JAPANESE WORD FOR PENNY...
WHICH MEANS,
I WON'T LET A SINGLE PENNY* ENTER THEIR PURSE!!
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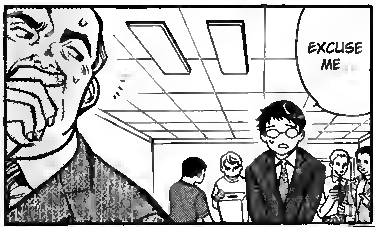

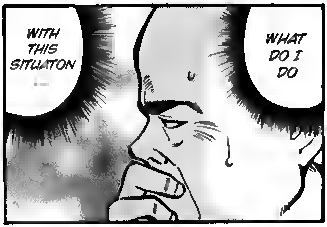

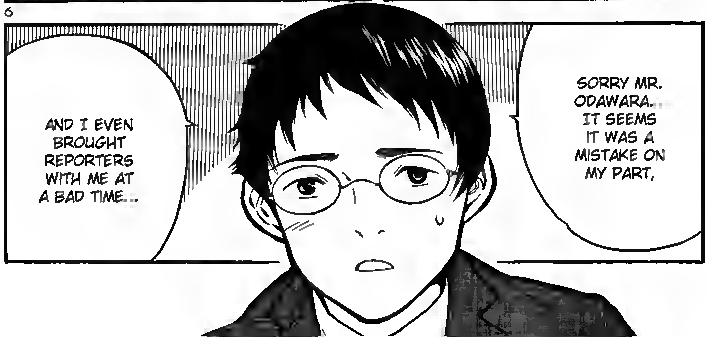

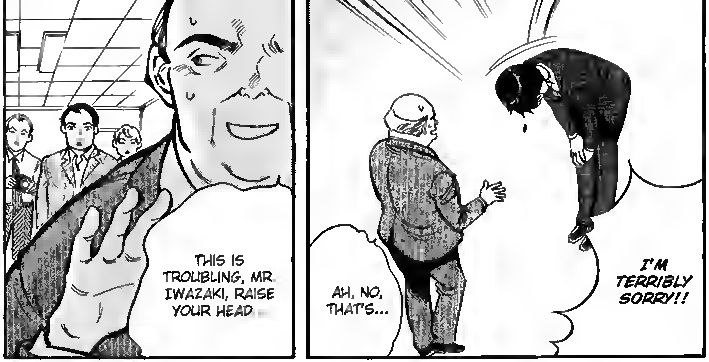
THIS IS TROUBLING, MR. IWAZAKI, RAISE YOUR HEAD
AH, NO, THAT'S...
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY!!

!?
I UNDERSTAND MR. IWAZAKI.
CAN'T BE HELPED!
.....

R-REALLY?!
I WILL GRANT YOUR GROUP A DONATION!
OF COURSE, WHAT HAPPENED WAS A BOLT FROM THE BLUE, BUT THIS COULD BE A GOOD CHANCE...

I'VE BEEN PUTTING ALL OF THE MONEY I COLLECT INTO THE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX AT THE BANK...
WHAT A REACTION... TODAY'S NOON COLLECTION IS LIKELY TO BE A FEW THOUSAND.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

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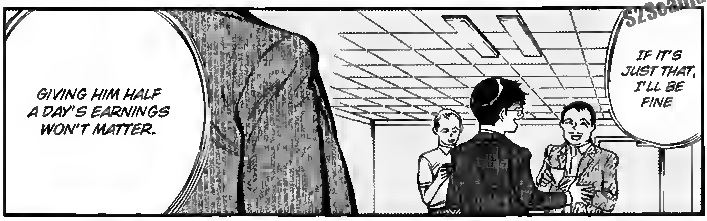

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IF YOU CONSIDER THAT THERE ARE REPORTERS, THIS IS VERY FORTUNATE.
ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, THE MONEY I GIVE HIM NOW HAS TO BE THE ONLY PORTION.
THE CHANCE THAT IWAZAKI IS THE SOMEONE WHO'S TRYING TO RUIN ME ISN'T ZERO, BUT...

THE TOTAL IS 72,035 YEN.
TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE
OUR FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES WON'T BE DOUBTED AND WE'LL MINIMIZE FINANCIAL DAMAGES -
NO, IT'S NOT A PROBLEM
I'M SORRY, THE FAX SAYS 200 THOUSAND, BUT
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MAY I TAXE A PICTURE, MR. ODAWARA?
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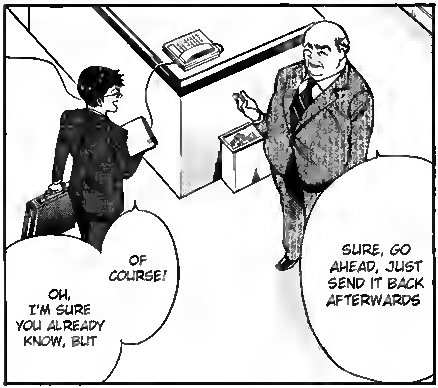

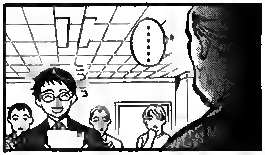

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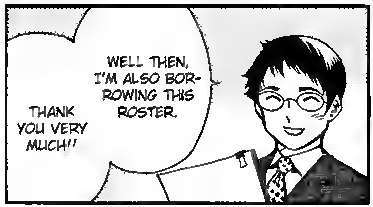

I'M SURE YOU ARE, THERE MIGHT BE A RECORD OF THE FAX'S ORIGIN.
I'M JUST A LITTLE CURIOUS...
I'LL LOOK INTO IT WHEN I RETURN, AND GET BACK TO YOU.

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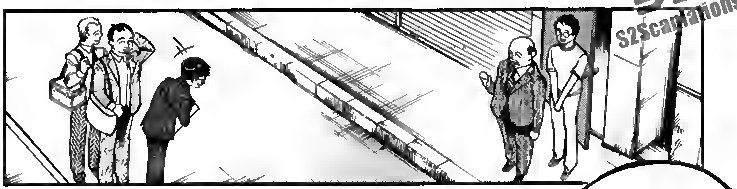

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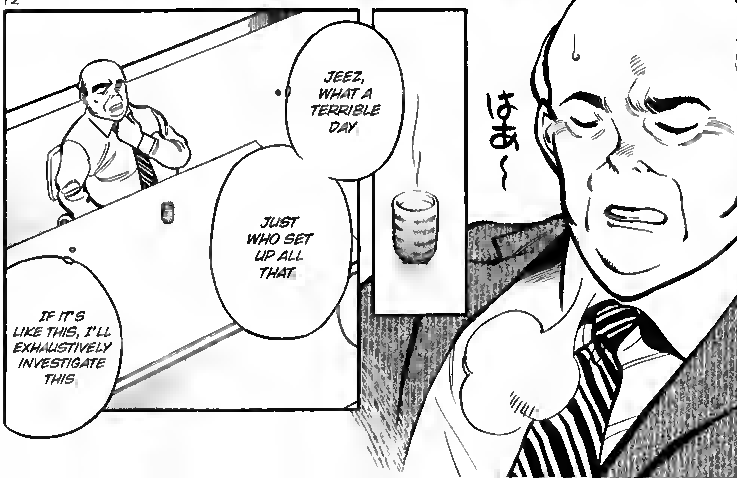
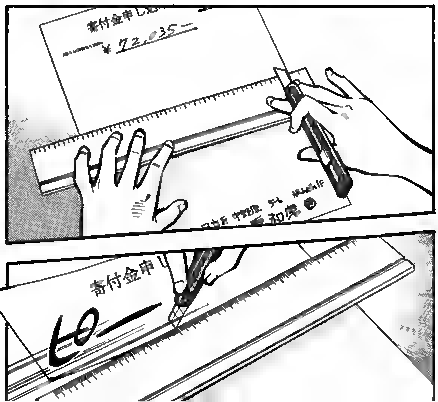


AS LONG AS THAT MONEY IS FINE, TODAY'S TROUBLE IS LIKE A MOSQUITO BITE.
HOWEVER, WELL... SURELY IT WAS GOOD FORTUNE THAT I WAS ABLE TO TRANSFER MY MONEY JUST AS MY ACCOUNT WAS FROZEN!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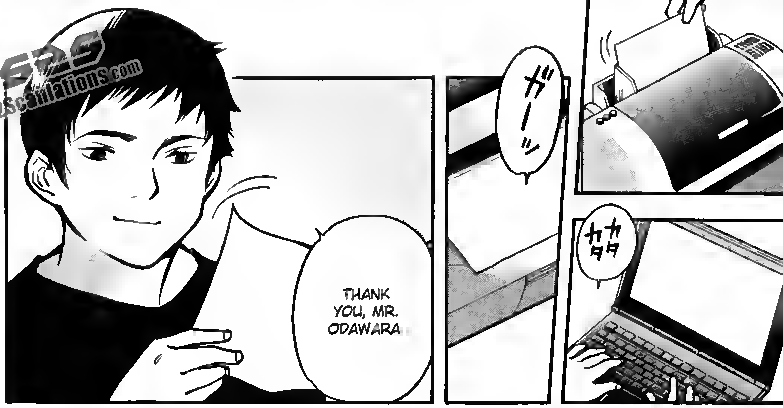

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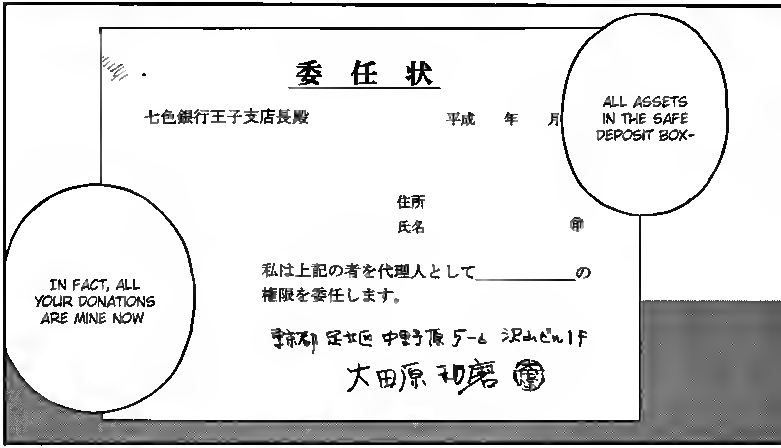
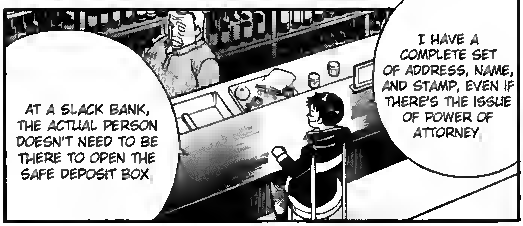
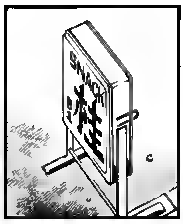
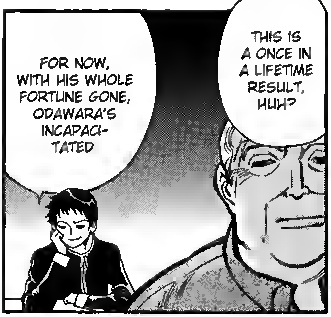
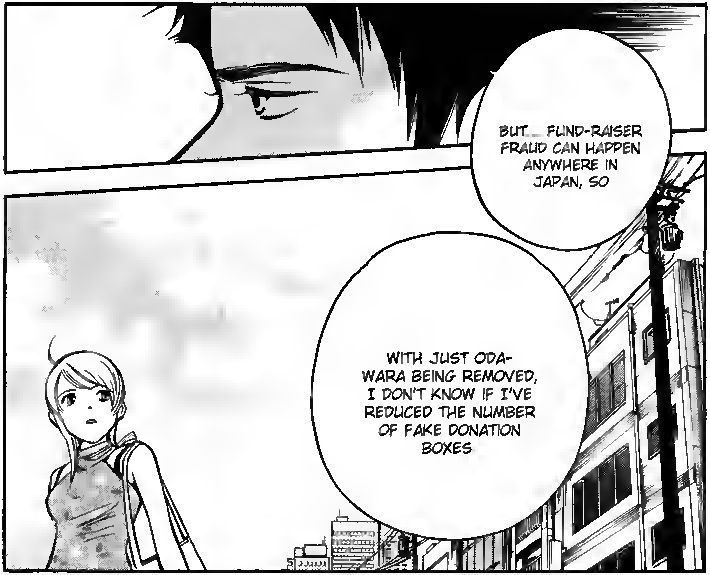


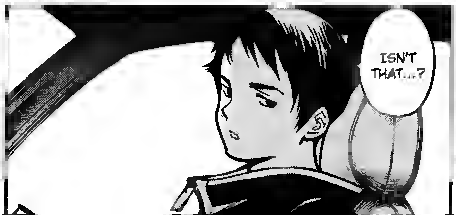

AT A SLACK BANK, THE ACTUAL PERSON DOESN'T NEED TO BE THERE TO OPEN THE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX
I HAVE A COMPLETE SET OF ADDRESS, NAME, AND STAMP, EVEN IF THERE'S THE ISSUE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY




FOR NOW, WITH HIS WHOLE FORTUNE GONE, ODAWARA'S INCAPACI-TATED
THIS IS A ONCE IN A LIFETIME RESULT, HUH?

THE BANK HAS NO IDEA OF ALL THIS IN THE FIRST PLACE...
SO THEN, WHAT WILL BE THE CONTENTS OF THE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX?


BUT... FUND-RAISER FRAUD CAN HAPPEN ANYWHERE IN JAPAN, SO
WITH JUST ODA-WARA BEING REMOVED, I DON'T KNOW IF I'VE REDUCED THE NUMBER OF FAKE DONATION BOXES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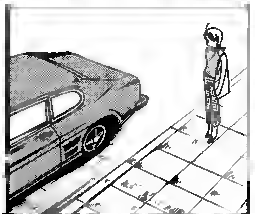

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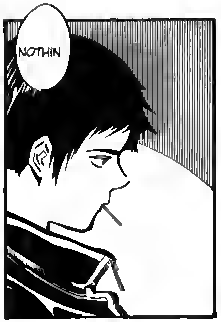

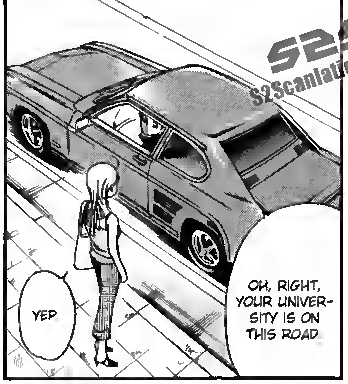

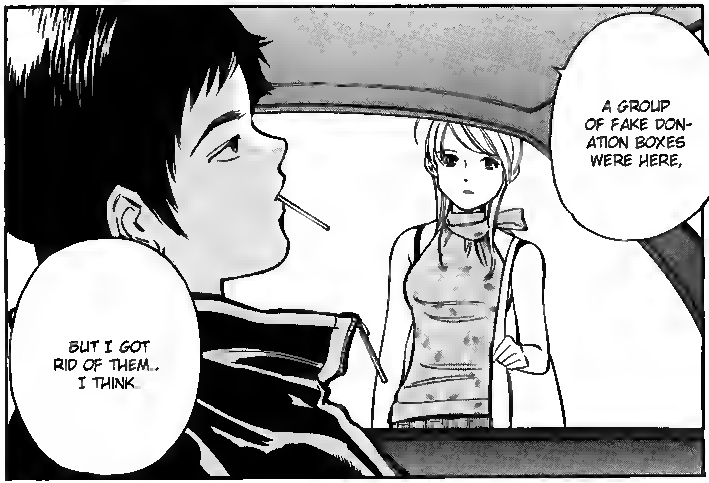

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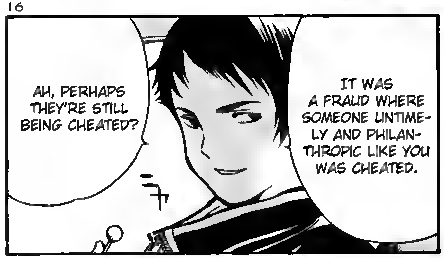

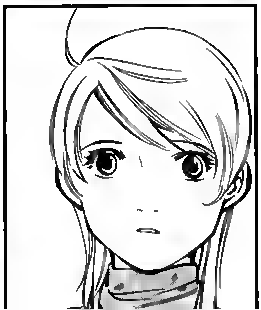

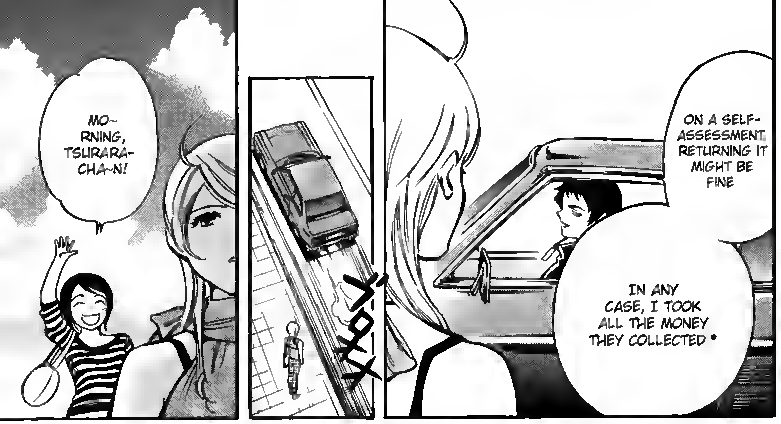

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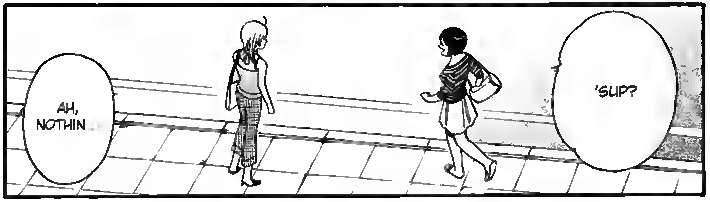

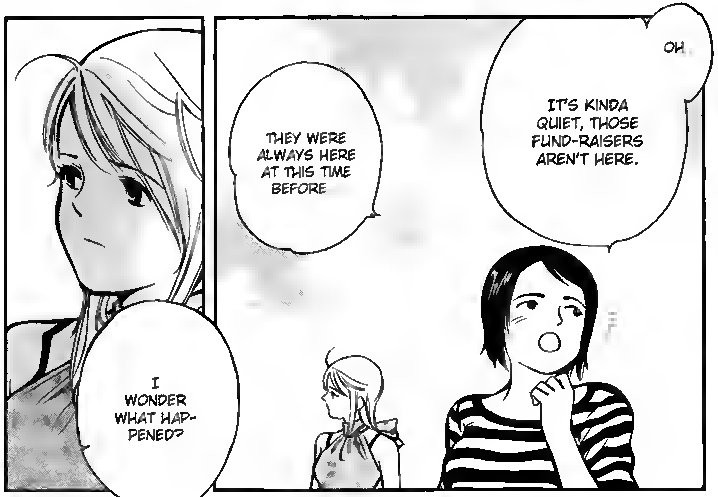

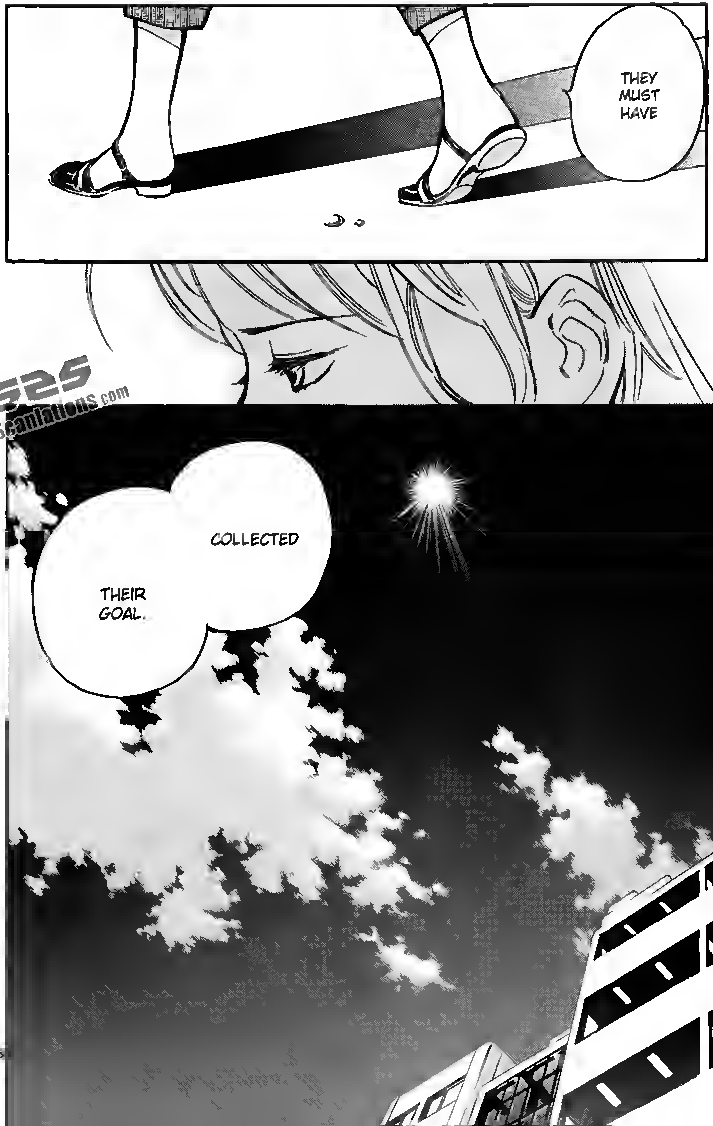
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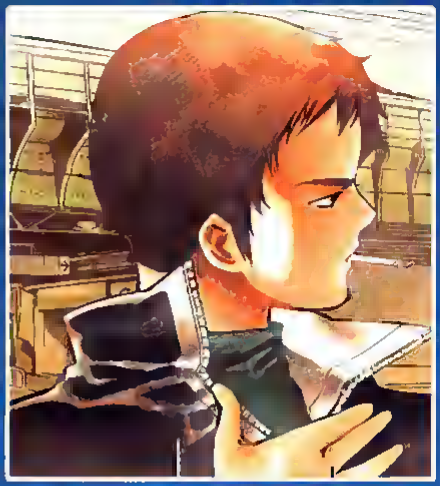

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HOW'S POLICE WORK TREATING YOU, KASHINA-KUN?
IT'S NOT BAD, BUT...
RIGHT? OUR SCHOOL HAS A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE POLICE BUREAU-CRACY, SO GETTING THINGS DONE MUST BE EASY.
OUR SCHOOL'S UNITY IS PRETTY STRONG AFTER ALL.
THE LAW DEPT. ESPECIALLY HAS INFLUENCE EVERYWHERE.
NOT ONLY THAT, YOU GRA-DUATED IN THE SAME COURSE CONCENTRATION AS US...
RIGHT?
SAWATARI, WHO GRADU-ATED FROM TSUKUDA'S CONCENTRA-TION,
AND IS NOW THE BRANCH MANAGER AT HIMAWARI BANK'S EAST NIHONBASHI BRANCH,

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HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THAT, A TROUBLE-SOME INCIDENT HAS OCCURRED...
I AM INDEED THE BRANCH MANAGER AT HIMAWARI BANK'S EAST NIHONBASHI BRANCH.
THEN, I'LL BE FRANK.

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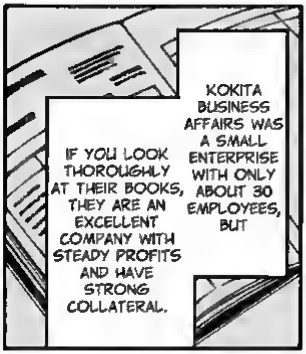
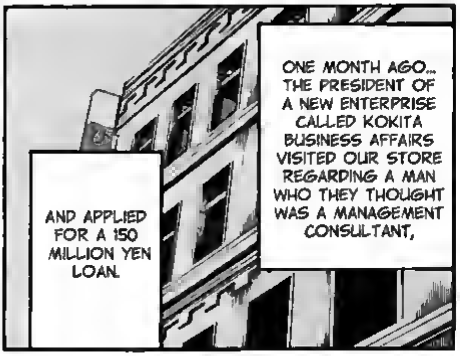

IF YOU LOOK THOROUGHLY AT THEIR BOOKS, THEY ARE AN EXCELLENT COMPANY WITH STEADY PROFITS AND HAVE STRONG COLLATERAL.
KOKITA BUSINESS AFFAIRS WAS A SMALL ENTERPRISE WITH ONLY ABOUT 30 EMPLOYEES, BUT


AND APPLIED FOR A 150 MILLION YEN LOAN.
ONE MONTH AGO... THE PRESIDENT OF A NEW ENTERPRISE CALLED KOKITA BUSINESS AFFAIRS VISITED OUR STORE REGARDING A MAN WHO THEY THOUGHT WAS A MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT,

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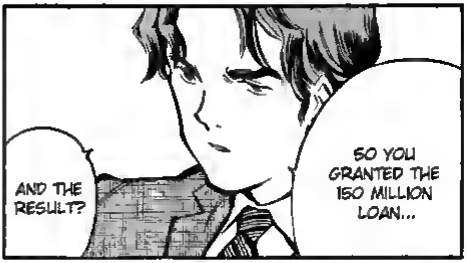
IN SHORT, THERE WAS NO REASON FOR US TO REJECT THE APPLICATION FROM KOKITA BUSINESS AFFAIRS.
SO OUR POLICY HAS BEEN TO GET MONEY CIRCULATING WITH THE INCREASING LOAN APPLICATIONS FROM EXCELLENT COMPANIES...
SINCE OUR INTEREST RATES ARE SUPER LOW RIGHT NOW, LOAN AMOUNTS HAVE DOUBLED.



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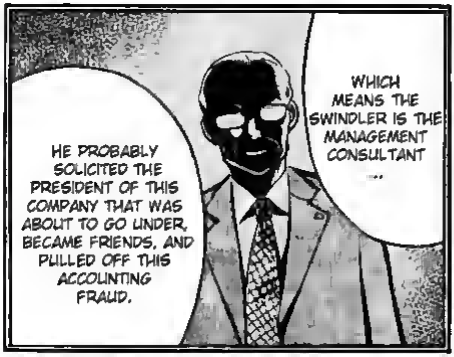
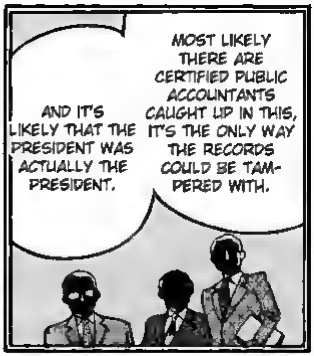
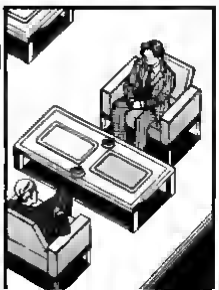
YEAH... IT WAS TAMPERED WITH.
WHAT'S KNOWN AS 'ACCOUNTING FRAUD'.
THEY EMBELLISH THEIR FINANCIAL RECORDS TO MAKE THE PROFITS AND LOSSES LOOK SMALLER. THEY TRICKED MY BRANCH INTO GIVING THEM THAT 150 MILLION LOAN.


WHICH MEANS THE SWINDLER IS THE MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT ...
HE PROBABLY SOLICITED THE PRESIDENT OF THIS COMPANY THAT WAS ABOUT TO GO UNDER, BECAME FRIENDS, AND PULLED OFF THIS ACCOUNTING FRAUD.


MOST LIKELY THERE ARE CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS CAUGHT UP IN THIS, IT'S THE ONLY WAY THE RECORDS COULD BE TAMPERED WITH.
AND IT'S LIKELY THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS ACTUALLY THE PRESIDENT.

SO THEN,
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?



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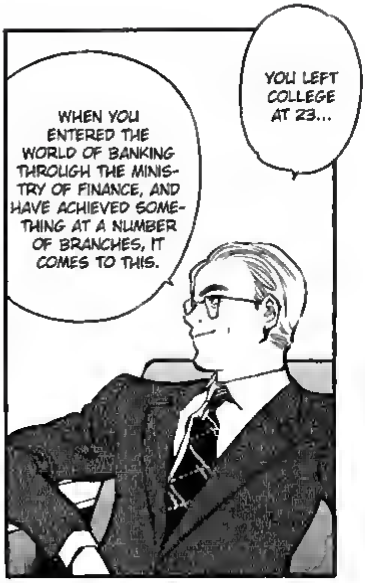
BRANCH MANAGER AT THE EAST NIHONBASHI BRANCH IS A POST MAIN BRANCH OFFICERS EXPERIENCE BUT ONCE.
NO MATTER WHAT, IT CANNOT BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE THAT A SWINDLER CHEATED 150 MILLION OF BAD DEBT.


YOU LEFT COLLEGE AT 23...
WHEN YOU ENTERED THE WORLD OF BANKING THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, AND HAVE ACHIEVED SOMETHING AT A NUMBER OF BRANCHES, IT COMES TO THIS.

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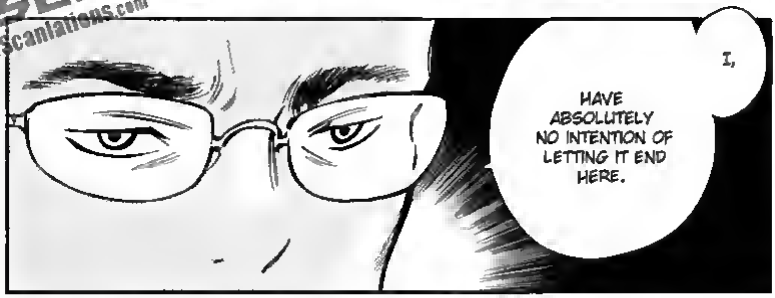

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I SINCERELY ASK FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.
IF YOU'RE DOING ANYTHING BEHIND-THE-SCENES, YOU CAN'T USE PEOPLE... I DON'T KNOW HOW FAR YOU'RE GOING TO LOOK INTO THIS, YOU KNOW.
WHEN YOU ENTERED THE POLICE FORCE,
YOU SAID AKIYAMA HAD ABSOLUTELY NO POWER, DIDN'T YOU?
.....
ACCOUNTING FRAUD...?
TOKYO DISTRICT PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE
WELL,
IT'S DEFINITELY A FRAUD...
MR. KARASU YAMA,
DO YOU KNOW AN ALUMNUS FROM OUR CONCENTRATION NAMED SAWATARI?
Yeah.. I was asked to.
ARE YOU LOOKING INTO THAT NOW, KASHINA ...

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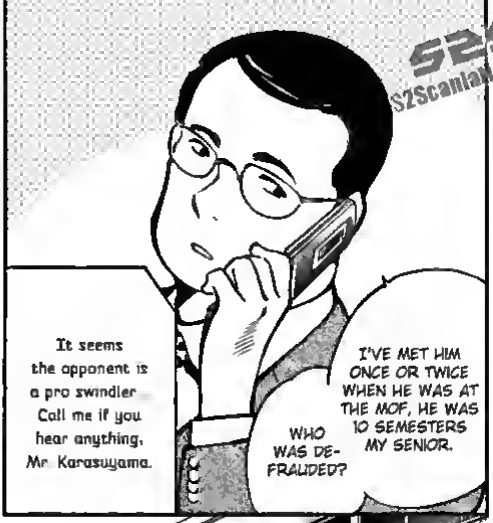
It seems the opponent is a pro swindler. Call me if you hear anything, Mr. Karasuyama.
WHO WAS DEFRAUDED?
I'VE MET HIM ONCE OR TWICE WHEN HE WAS AT THE MOF, HE WAS 10 SEMESTERS MY SENIOR.

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I NEED TO DO THIS ENTIRELY BEHIND-THE-SCENES...?
I THOUGHT I WOULD GET A HOLD OF THIS FROM THE ACCOUNTING FRAUD INCIDENTS UP UNTIL NOW, BUT, OF COURSE, THERE'S NO INFORMATION ON HOW THEY WERE DONE.

SINCE I'M DOING THIS BEHIND-THE-SCENES, LEAVING AN ACCESS TRACE WOULD BE UNWISE.
THIS IS JUST FROM ACCESSING THE POLICE DATABASE ONCE, BUT...

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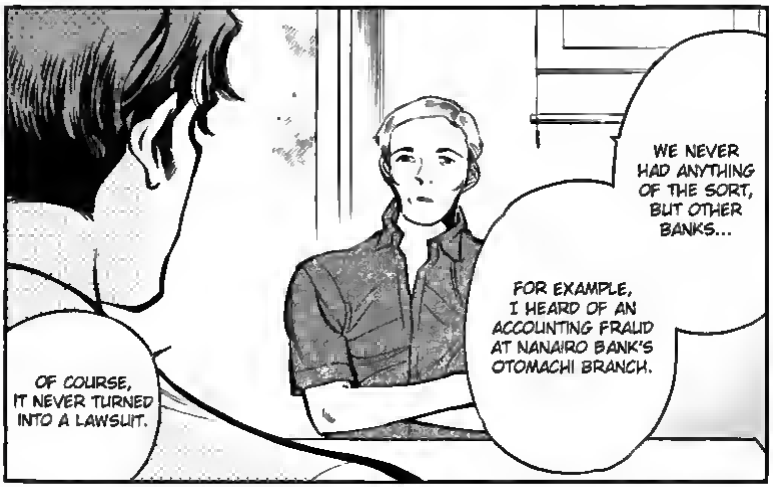
A FRAUD THAT MAKES USE OF COOKED BOOKS, HUH..

YOU WORKED AT AKITSU BANK FOR 15 YEARS.
DID YOU EVER HEAR ANY RUMORS OR ANYTHING IN THE PAST?


WE NEVER HAD ANYTHING OF THE SORT, BUT OTHER BANKS...
FOR EXAMPLE, I HEARD OF AN ACCOUNTING FRAUD AT NANAIRO BANK'S OTOMACHI BRANCH.
OF COURSE, IT NEVER TURNED INTO A LAWSUIT.

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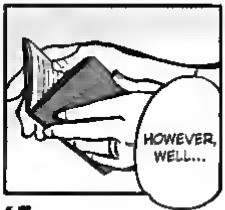
HOWEVER, WELL...

YES, PLEASE.
WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO INTRODUCE YOU TO HIM?
I DO KNOW AN ALUMNUS FROM THE OTOMACHI BRANCH.

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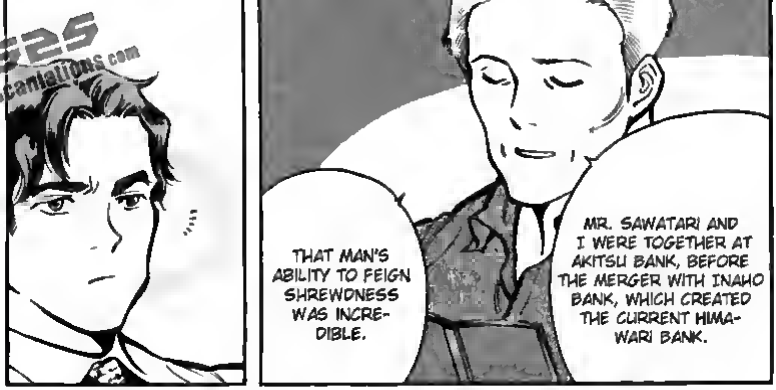
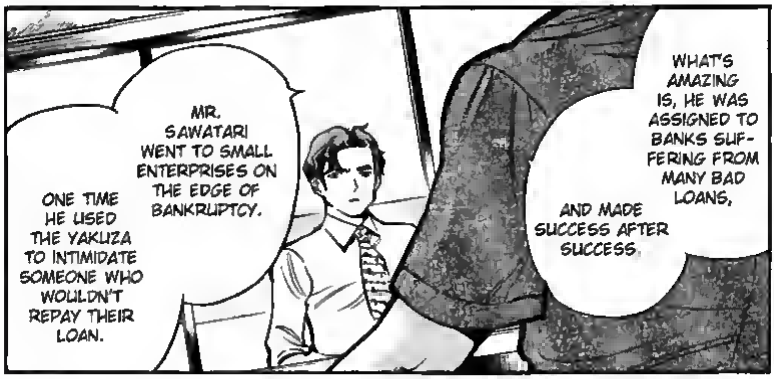

THAT MAN'S ABILITY TO FEIGN SHREWDNESS WAS INCREDIBLE.
MR. SAWATARI AND I WERE TOGETHER AT AKITSU BANK, BEFORE THE MERGER WITH INAHO BANK, WHICH CREATED THE CURRENT HIMAWARI BANK.


ONE TIME HE USED THE YAKUZA TO INTIMIDATE SOMEONE WHO WOULDN'T REPAY THEIR LOAN.
MR. SAWATARI WENT TO SMALL ENTERPRISES ON THE EDGE OF BANKRUPTCY.
WHAT'S AMAZING IS, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO BANKS SUFFERING FROM MANY BAD LOANS,
AND MADE SUCCESS AFTER SUCCESS.

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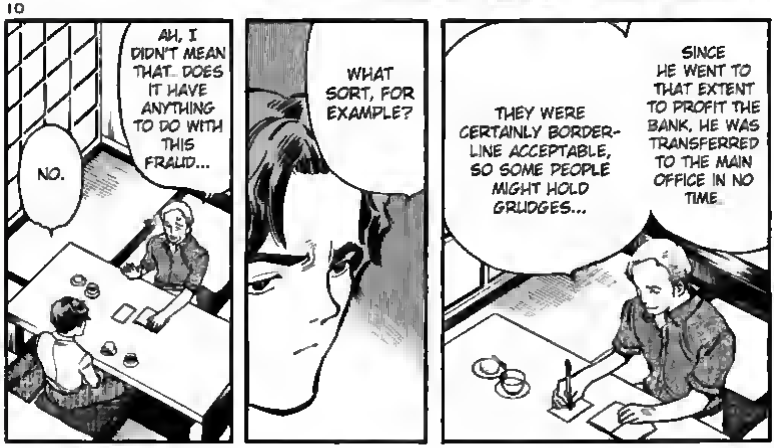

NO.
AH, I DIDN'T MEAN THAT. DOES IT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS FRAUD...
WHAT SORT, FOR EXAMPLE?
THEY WERE CERTAINLY BORDERLINE ACCEPTABLE, SO SOME PEOPLE MIGHT HOLD GRUDGES...
SINCE HE WENT TO THAT EXTENT TO PROFIT THE BANK, HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE MAIN OFFICE IN NO TIME.

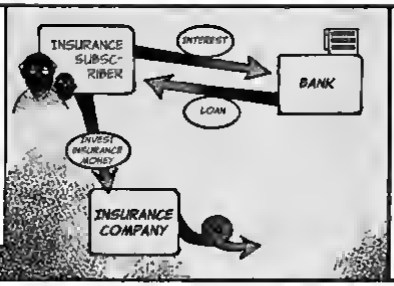
HEAR ME OUT.
FOR EXAMPLE, DURING THE BUBBLE...
THERE WAS A TYPE OF INSURANCE CALLED LOAN-TYPE VARIABLE LIFE INSURANCE.
LOAN-TYPE VARIABLE LIFE INSURANCE - A NEW TYPE OF LIFE INSURANCE THAT APPEARED DURING THE BUBBLE ERA.
IT INCREASED THEIR CUSTOMER BASE IN ELDERLY LANDOWNERS
THE FOLLOWING THREE POINTS WERE THE MAJOR TRAITS.

(1) ONE CAN PAY THE INSURANCE PREMIUM IN ONE LUMP SUM AT TIME OF INSURANCE SUBSCRIPTION.

(2) THE INSURANCE SUBSCRIBER CAN PAY THIS PREMIUM WITH A LOAN TAKEN OUT WITH THEIR LAND AS COLLATERAL.

(3) THE INSURANCE COMPANY INVESTS THE PAID INSURANCE PREMIUM, AND THE PROFITS FROM THAT ARE USED TO PAY DEATH BENEFITS; CANCELLATION FEES FLUCTUATE.

AND THEN BANKS MADE BILLIONS FROM THE BORROWERS.



IN THOSE DAYS, BY HAVING THE INSURANCE PREMIUM BE PAID IN A LUMP SUM, THE INSURANCE COMPANIES COULD COLLECT A LARGE SUM OF MONEY. AND WITH JUST THAT, INVESTMENT EFFICACY ROSE.

THE INTEREST FOR LOAN-TYPE VARIABLE LIFE INSURANCE WAS RELEASED BASED ON AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE BANKS AND INSURANCE COMPANIES.

BANKS FOCUSED THESE AMPLE FUND LOANS TOWARD INDIVIDUALS, RATHER THAN RESULTS.

THE BUBBLE ERA...

MR. SAWATARI WAS CHOSEN FOR A LEADERSHIP POSITION IN SOLICITING THIS SORT OF INSURANCE, AND HE INCREASED THEIR LARGE RESULTS.

SO, WHEN THE BUBBLE BURST...
WITH NO NEW PAYMENTS COMING IN, THE COMPANIES REPORTED ONLY THE LOWEST PREMIUMS, RATHER THAN FIRST EXPLAINING THE SYSTEM.
THE 'VARIABLE' PART MEANS THAT THE INSURANCE PREMIUM CAN CHANGE BASED ON COMPANY PROFITS.
THAT'S FINE IF THINGS ARE GOING WELL. BUT WHAT HAPPENS IF THEY DON'T.
BUT THE EXPLANATION OF SUCH RISK WAS OFTEN OMITTED AT SOLICITATION.
HOWEVER, THE LOANS FROM THE BANKS WERE A DIFFERENT ISSUE...
THE ELDERLY SUBSCRIBERS OF THESE VARIABLE LOANS WERE PURSUED BY THE BANKS AS IF THEY DEFAULTED ON THEIR LOANS.
THERE WERE MANY CASES OF THEIR LAND AND HOUSES NOT BEING ENOUGH AFTER THEY WERE SOLD OFF.
THE RESULT WAS,
ONE AFTER ANOTHER, THEY CHOSE TO PAY THE DEBT WITH THEIR OWN LIVES INSTEAD.
THEY HAD THE PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY TO SHOULDER THE DEBT, RATHER THAN PASS IT ALONG.

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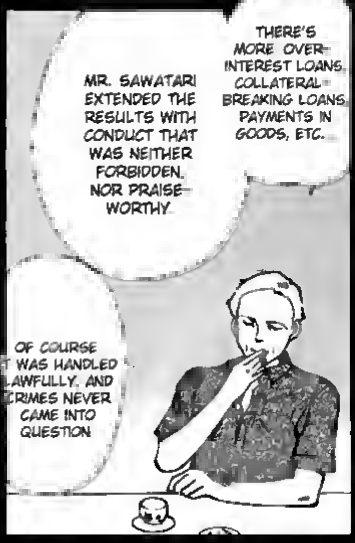
LOAN-TYPE VARIABLE LIFE INSURANCE IS A BLACK MARK UPON THE HISTORY OF JAPANESE BANKING.
TEN MILLION VICTIMS WHO WERE REGULAR PEOPLE, UNRELATED TO THE GREED AND MONEYMAKING.
THEY ONLY WANTED TO PASS ON THEIR HOUSES AND LAND... THEY WERE JUST REGULAR PARENTS


THERE'S MORE OVER-INTEREST LOANS, COLLATERAL-BREAKING LOANS, PAYMENTS IN GOODS, ETC.
MR. SAWATARI EXTENDED THE RESULTS WITH CONDUCT THAT WAS NEITHER FORBIDDEN, NOR PRAISEWORTHY.
OF COURSE IT WAS HANDLED LAWFULLY, AND CRIMES NEVER CAME INTO QUESTION.

A WORD?
CHIEF.
DID YOU SAY A FORMAL INVESTIGATION?!
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I TOLD YOU TO DO THIS BEHIND-THE-SCENES...
HOW DID IT TURN INTO AN OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION!?
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS, KASHINA?!

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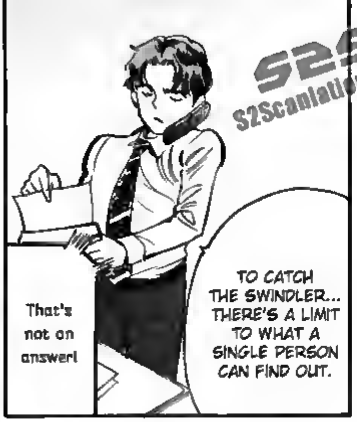

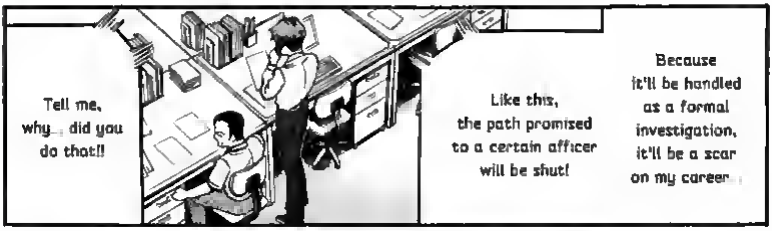
Tell me, why... did you do that!!
Like this, the path promised to a certain officer will be shut!
Because it'll be handled as a formal investigation, it'll be a scar on my career...

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DO YOU HAVE A GOOD SCOOP?
I'M GLAD YOU CALLED ME OUT ALL OF A SUDDEN
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HMM...
WHO?
THIS TIME, A VICTIM CAME AS A CLIENT.

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TODAY'S CASE HAS BECOME AN OFFICIAL POLICE INVESTIGATION NOW,

SO, I HAD MY ACQUAINTANCE, KATSURAGI HERE, INTRODUCE ME TO YOU
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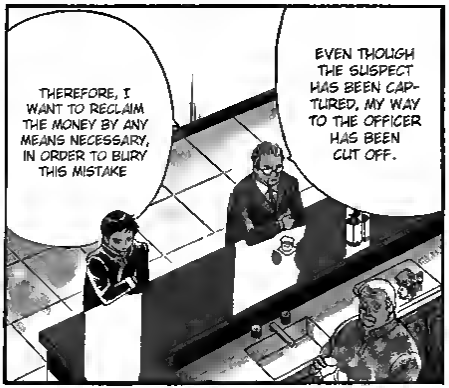
THEREFORE, I WANT TO RECLAIM THE MONEY BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY, IN ORDER TO BURY THIS MISTAKE
EVEN THOUGH THE SUSPECT HAS BEEN CAPTURED, MY WAY TO THE OFFICER HAS BEEN CUT OFF.

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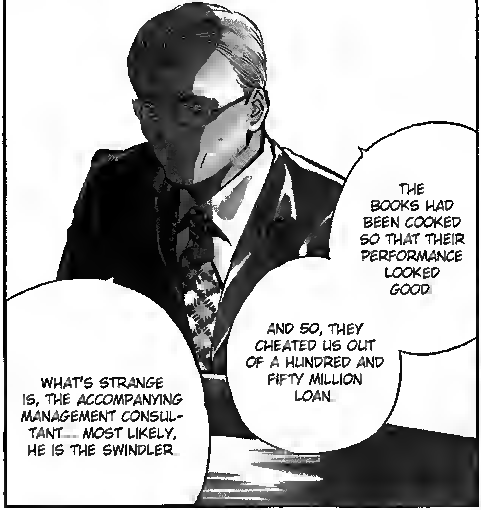
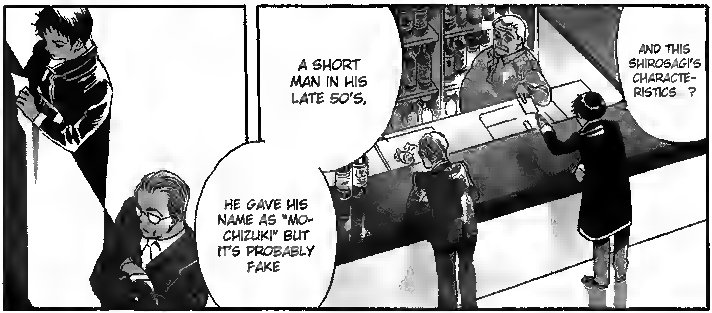
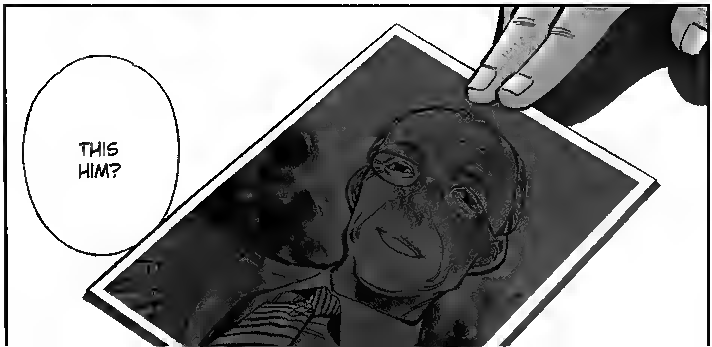
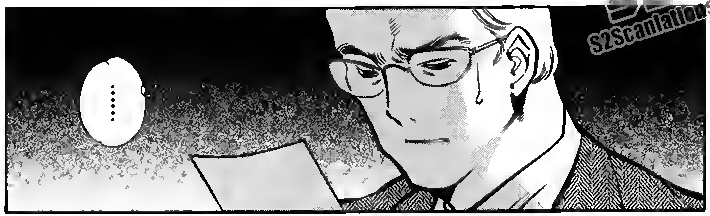

ONE MONTH AGO
A SMALL ENTERPRISE CALLED KOKITA BUSINESS AFFAIRS APPLIED FOR A LOAN AT MY BRANCH...
THE BOOKS HAD BEEN COOKED SO THAT THEIR PERFORMANCE LOOKED GOOD
AND SO, THEY CHEATED US OUT OF A HUNDRED AND FIFTY MILLION LOAN
WHAT'S STRANGE IS, THE ACCOMPANYING MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT... MOST LIKELY, HE IS THE SWINDLER


AND THIS SHIROSAGI'S CHARACTERISTICS ?
A SHORT MAN IN HIS LATE 50'S,
HE GAVE HIS NAME AS "MOCHIZUKI" BUT IT'S PROBABLY FAKE


THIS HIM?



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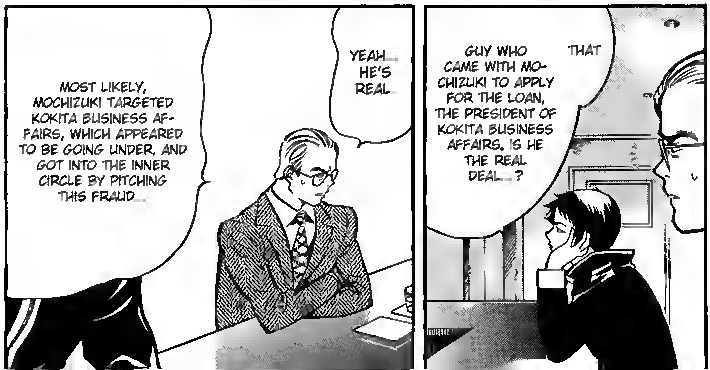
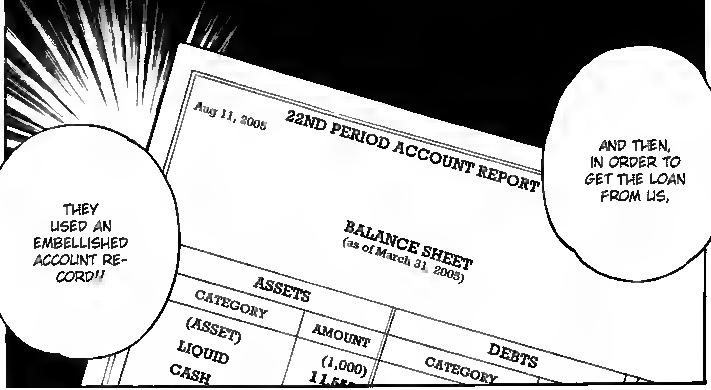

MOST LIKELY, MOCHIZUKI TARGETED KOKITA BUSINESS AFFAIRS, WHICH APPEARED TO BE GOING UNDER, AND GOT INTO THE INNER CIRCLE BY PITCHING THIS FRAUD...
YEAH... HE'S REAL.
THAT GUY WHO CAME WITH MOCHIZUKI TO APPLY FOR THE LOAN, THE PRESIDENT OF KOKITA BUSINESS AFFAIRS, IS HE THE REAL DEAL...?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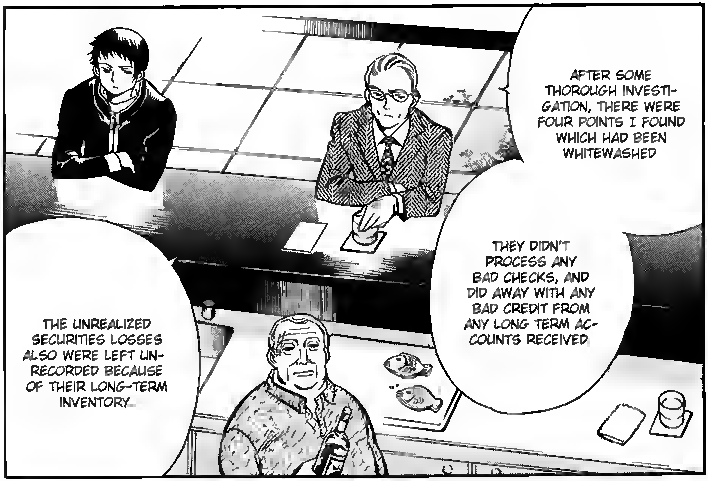
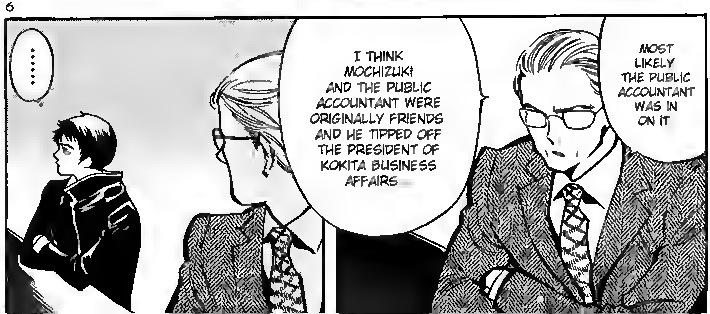
AND THEN, IN ORDER TO GET THE LOAN FROM US,
THEY USED AN EMBELLISHED ACCOUNT RECORD!!


AFTER SOME THOROUGH INVESTIGATION, THERE WERE FOUR POINTS I FOUND WHICH HAD BEEN WHITEWASHED
THEY DIDN'T PROCESS ANY BAD CHECKS, AND DID AWAY WITH ANY BAD CREDIT FROM ANY LONG TERM ACCOUNTS RECEIVED
THE UNREALIZED SECURITIES LOSSES ALSO WERE LEFT UNRECORDED BECAUSE OF THEIR LONG-TERM INVENTORY...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I THINK MOCHIZUKI AND THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT WERE ORIGINALLY FRIENDS AND HE TIPPED OFF THE PRESIDENT OF KOKITA BUSINESS AFFAIRS...
MOST LIKELY THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT WAS IN ON IT

A "COACH"... RIGHT?
HEY, YOU LISTENING?
HUH?
LONG AGO, IN OKINAWA AND OSAKA, THERE WERE GROUPS WHO WOULD LEAP AT SMALLER BUSINESSES AND TRICK THEM OUT OF THEIR PUBLIC FUNDS,
THOSE SORT WERE CALLED "COACHES..."

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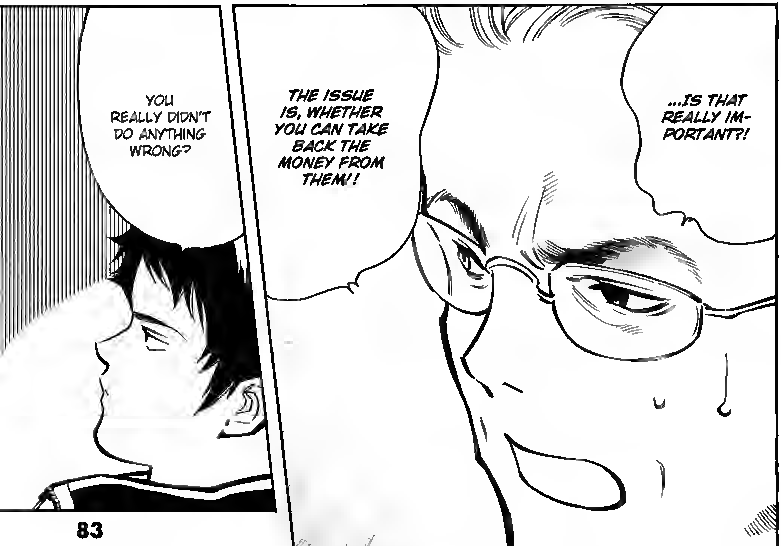
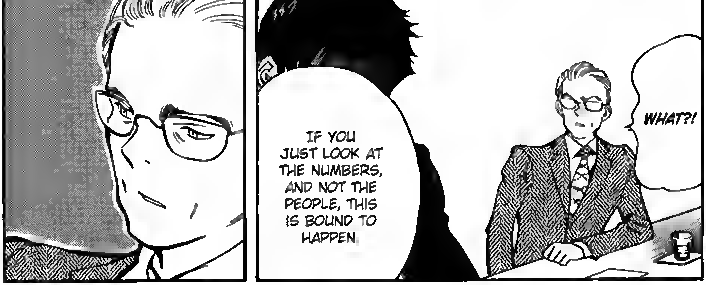
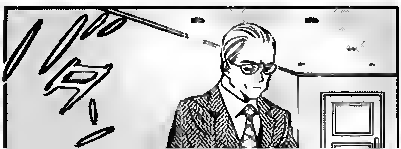



IF YOU JUST LOOK AT THE NUMBERS, AND NOT THE PEOPLE, THIS IS BOUND TO HAPPEN.
WHAT?!

WHY, THEN, ARE YOU BANKERS,
GIVING MONEY TO PAPER, NOT PEOPLE?

BATHROOM.

HOLD IT, KURO.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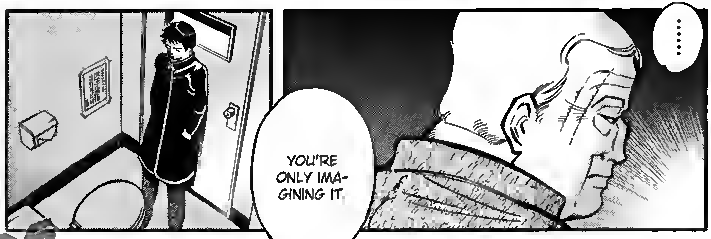

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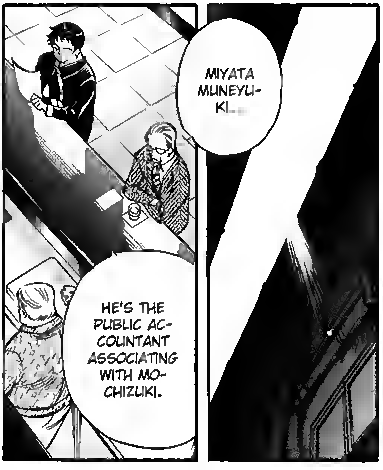

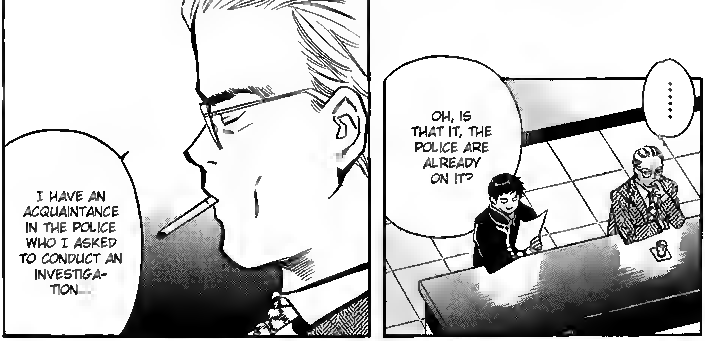
I HAVE AN ACQUAINTANCE IN THE POLICE WHO I ASKED TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION...
OH, IS THAT IT, THE POLICE ARE ALREADY ON IT?
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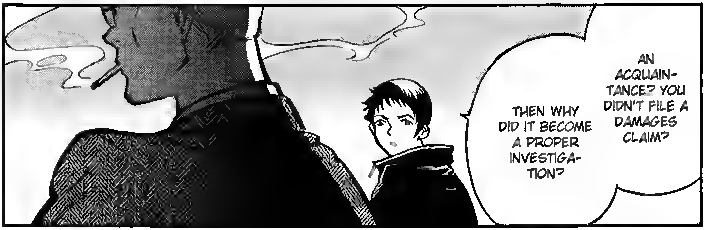
AN ACQUAINTANCE? YOU DIDN'T FILE A DAMAGES CLAIM?
THEN WHY DID IT BECOME A PROPER INVESTIGATION?

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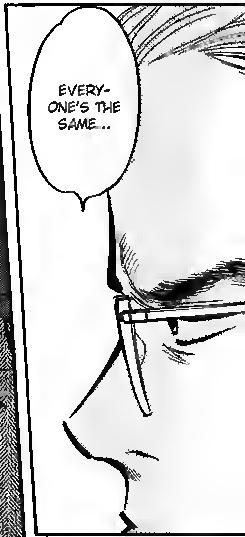
I'M JUST A BANKER,
I SIMPLY ACTED ACCORDING TO COMPANY POLICY.
AND YET,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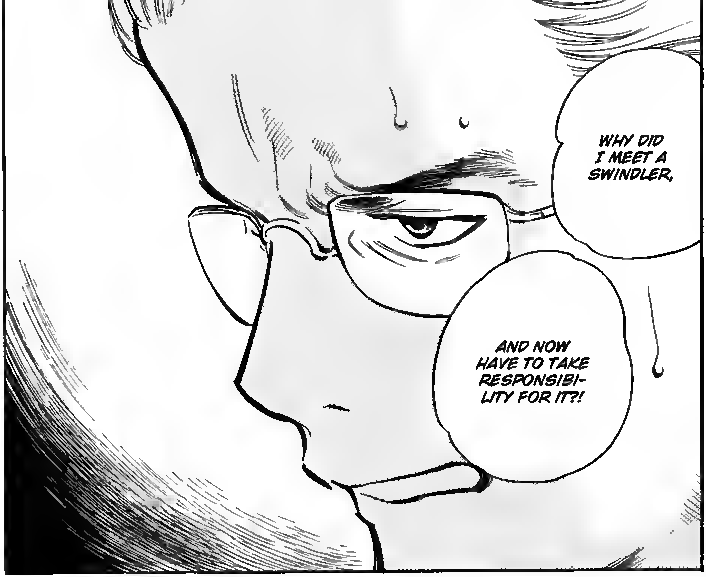

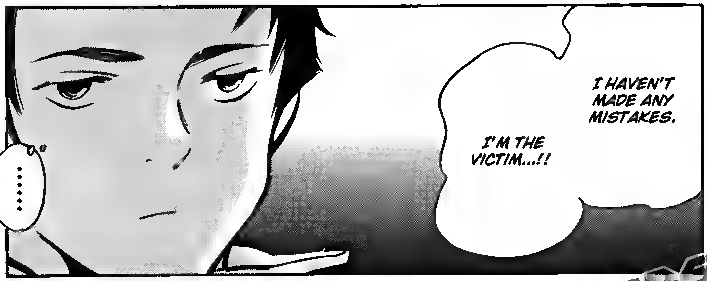

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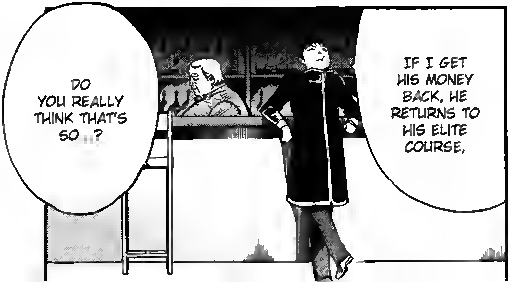
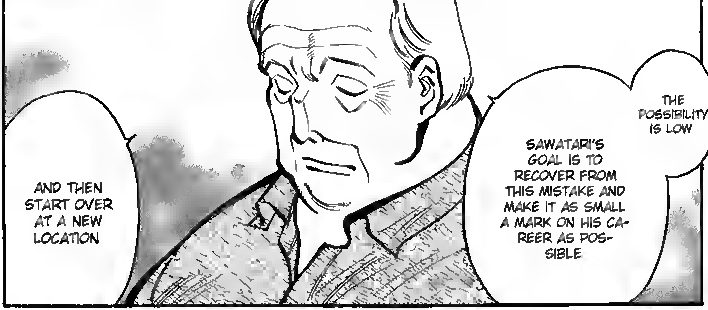
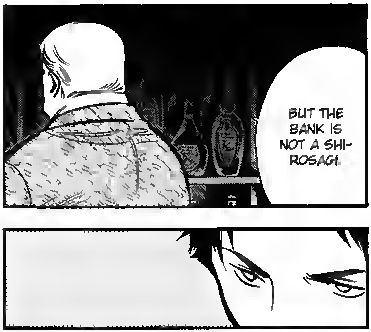


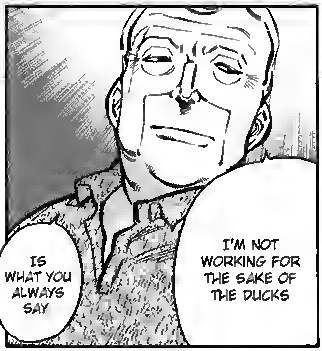

AND THEN START OVER AT A NEW LOCATION
SAWATARI'S GOAL IS TO RECOVER FROM THIS MISTAKE AND MAKE IT AS SMALL A MARK ON HIS CAREER AS POSSIBLE
THE POSSIBILITY IS LOW

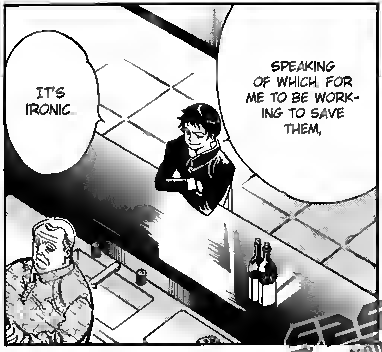

BUT THE BANK IS NOT A SHIROSAGI.

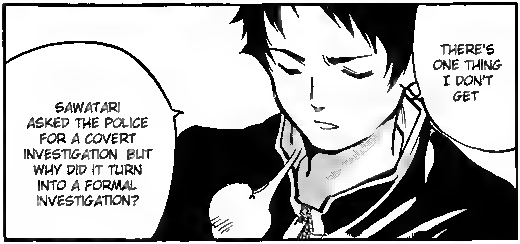
TO BE HONEST, I'D BE HAPPIER IF I COULD RUIN HIM..

POPS, FOR ME,
HELPLESS PEOPLE LIKE MY FATHER, WHO ARE FORCED INTO DEFRAUDING OTHERS OR MAKING SHADY DEALS THEY ALL LOOK LIKE SHIROSAGI TO ME...!

IT WILL BE THE BANKERS.
IT WILL BE THOSE GUYS WITH THEIR FANCY TIES, AND COLD FACES.
BUT, IT WON'T BE A SHIROSAGI, OR SHADY DEALS THAT DEALS THIS COUP DE GRACE.






SAWATARI ASKED THE POLICE FOR A COVERT INVESTIGATION. BUT WHY DID IT TURN INTO A FORMAL INVESTIGATION?
THERE'S ONE THING I DON'T GET

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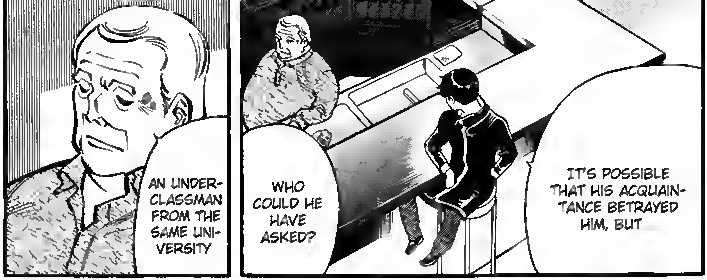
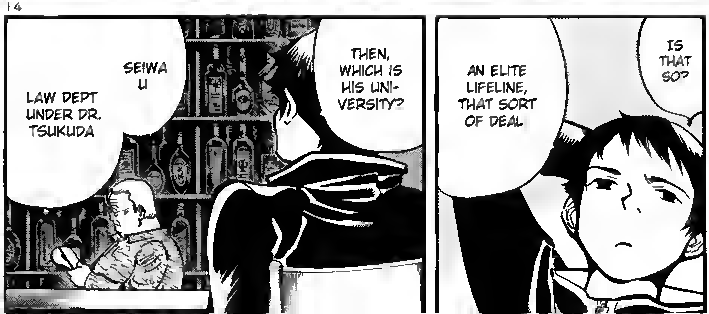

AN UNDER-CLASSMAN FROM THE SAME UNI-VERSITY
WHO COULD HE HAVE ASKED?
IT'S POSSIBLE THAT HIS ACQUAIN-TANCE BETRAYED HIM, BUT

EVEN IF THEY ARE FROM DIFFERENT YEARS, THERE'S A STRONG NETWORK FOR IMPRO-VING EACH OTHER'S POSITIONS.
AT THE UNIVERSITY SAWATARI CAME FROM, ALUMNI ARE SCATTERED ALL ABOUT FROM GO-VERNMENT OFFICES TO MAJOR COMPANIES.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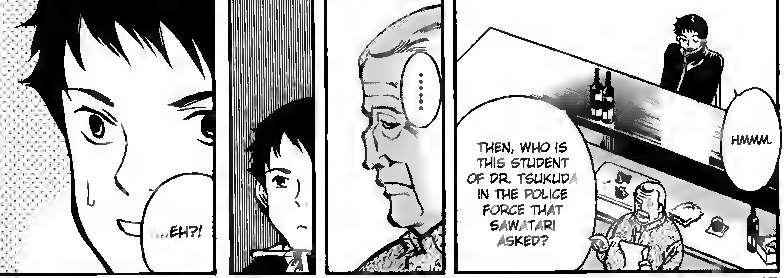
LAW DEPT UNDER DR. TSUKUDA
THEN, WHICH IS HIS UNI-VERSITY?
AN ELITE LIFELINE, THAT SORT OF DEAL
IS THAT SO?



W-WAIT A MINUTE, THAT CAN'T BE...
ISN'T -THAT GUY- ALSO A SEIWA U GRADUATE!?
INSPECTOR KASHINA IS 22 YEARS SAWATARI'S JUNIOR
THEN THAT MEANS
KASHINA ACCEPTED THE FAVOR OF HIS SENIOR WITH WHOM HE HAS STRONG TIES, BUT THEN BETRAYED HIM?

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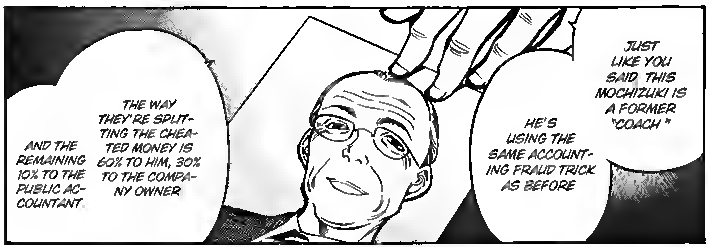
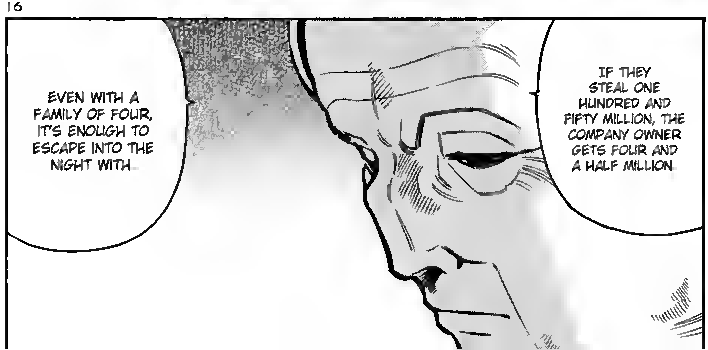
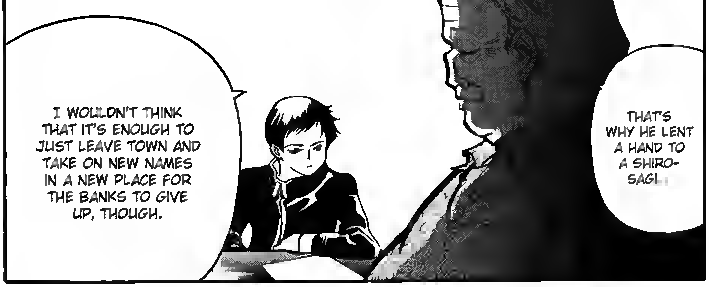
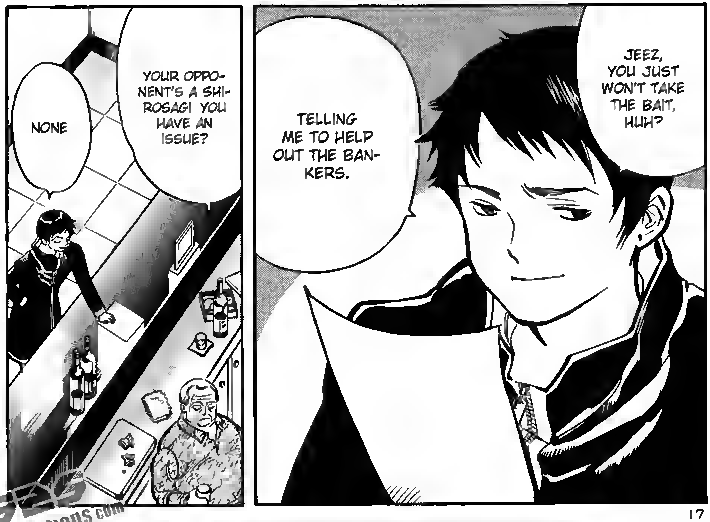

JUST LIKE YOU SAID, THIS MOCHIZUKI IS A FORMER "COACH."
HE'S USING THE SAME ACCOUNTING FRAUD TRICK AS BEFORE
THE WAY THEY'RE SPLITTING THE CHEATED MONEY IS 60% TO HIM, 30% TO THE COMPANY OWNER
AND THE REMAINING 10% TO THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT.


IF THEY STEAL ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY MILLION, THE COMPANY OWNER GETS FOUR AND A HALF MILLION.
EVEN WITH A FAMILY OF FOUR, IT'S ENOUGH TO ESCAPE INTO THE NIGHT WITH.


I WOULDN'T THINK THAT IT'S ENOUGH TO JUST LEAVE TOWN AND TAKE ON NEW NAMES IN A NEW PLACE FOR THE BANKS TO GIVE UP, THOUGH.
THAT'S WHY HE LENT A HAND TO A SHIRO-SAGI.



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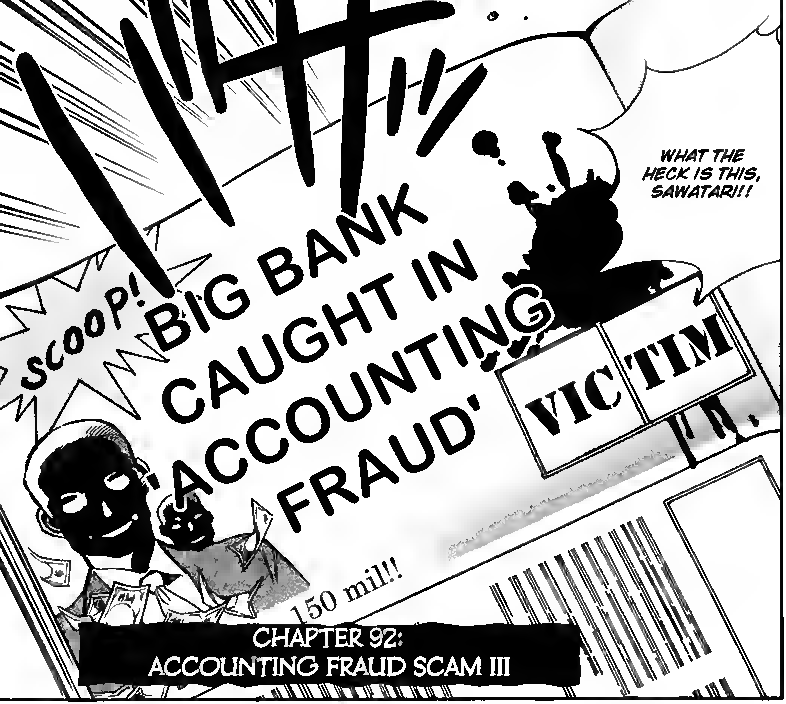
I'M
NOT DOING THIS FOR THE SAKE OF THE DUCKS...



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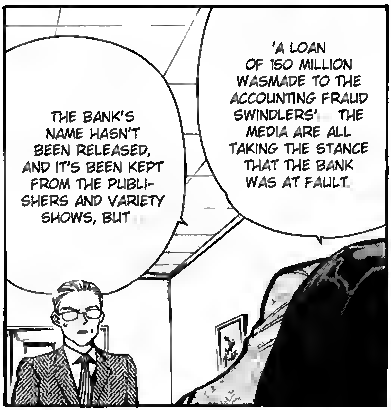
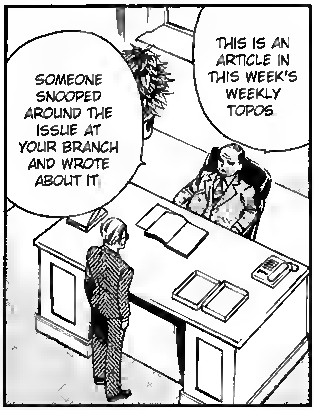
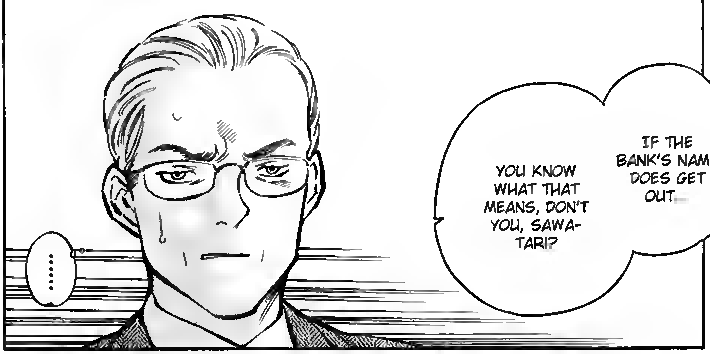
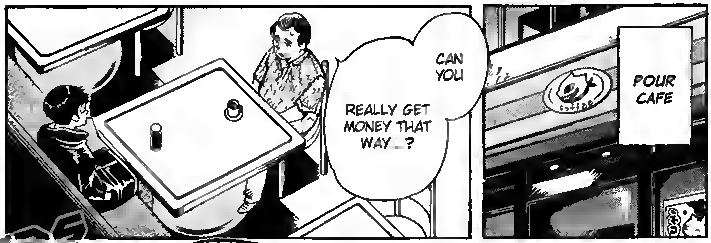

THE BANK'S NAME HASN'T BEEN RELEASED, AND IT'S BEEN KEPT FROM THE PUBLISHERS AND VARIETY SHOWS, BUT
'A LOAN OF 150 MILLION WASMADE TO THE ACCOUNTING FRAUD SWINDLERS'. THE MEDIA ARE ALL TAKING THE STANCE THAT THE BANK WAS AT FAULT.







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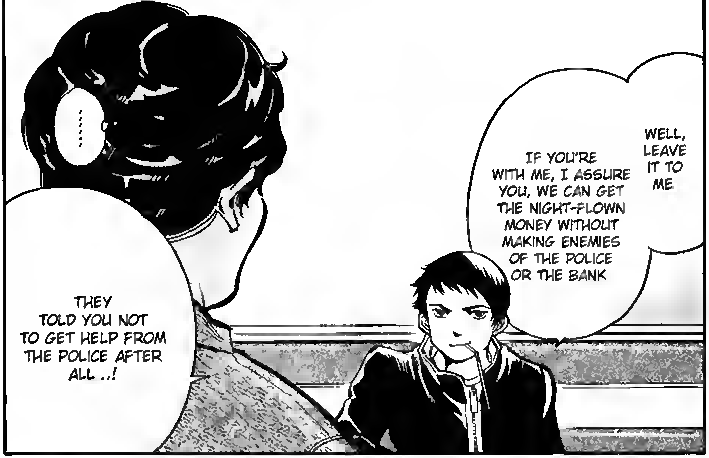
IF YOU DO AS I SAY, SURE.
SURE, BUT...
LOOK, YOUR FACTORY ISN'T IN THE POSITION TO GRUMBLE ABOUT THE DETAILS, IT'S WHY YOU CAME TO ME, RIGHT?
BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE THE SPIRIT, IT'S FINE TO LEAVE IT TO ANOTHER PERSON
THERE ARE PLENTY OF COMPANIES ON THE BRINK OF BANKRUPTCY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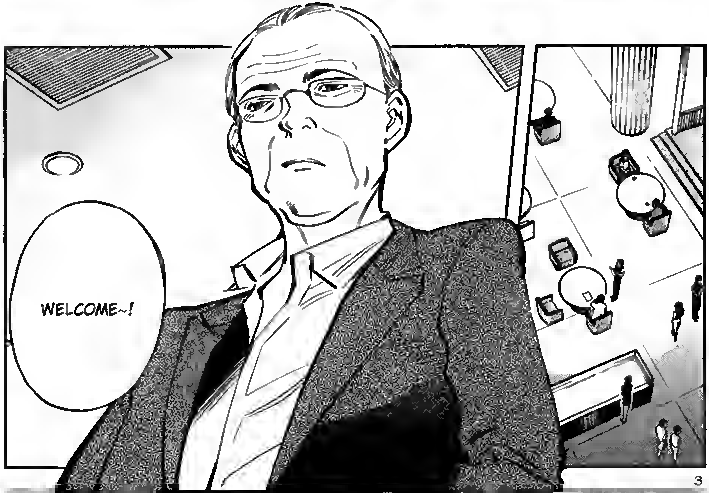
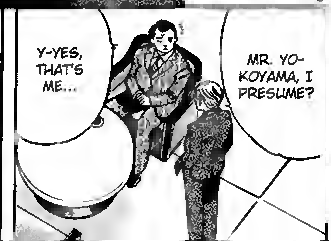
THEY TOLD YOU NOT TO GET HELP FROM THE POLICE AFTER ALL ..!
IF YOU'RE WITH ME, I ASSURE YOU, WE CAN GET THE NIGHT-FLOWN MONEY WITHOUT MAKING ENEMIES OF THE POLICE OR THE BANK
WELL, LEAVE IT TO ME


WELCOME~!

YOU WOULD BE MR. MOCHIZUKI?
IN THAT CASE,


Y-YES, THAT'S ME...
MR. YOKOYAMA, I PRESUME?

FROM MR. NARITA, PRESIDENT OF KOKITA BUSINESS AFFAIRS, WE HAD A DEAL...
WHERE DID YOU LEARN MY PHONE NUMBER?
I'M SORRY FOR CALLING SUDDENLY, YESTERDAY.
THAT NARITA, EVEN THOUGH I TOLD HIM NOT TO TELL ANYONE ABOUT US FUDGING THE BOOKS...
KOKITA, HUH... THE COMPANY I USED BEFORE, TO CHEAT HIMAWARI BANK.
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I MANAGE THE SMALL FACTORY CALLED YOKOYAMA MANUFACTURING... WE HAD A DEAL WITH KOKITA BUSINESS AFFAIRS, BUT SINCE THEY RAN OFF, WE'RE IN DIRE STRAITS
I WANT TO START OVER, BUT MY HEAD'S SPINNING WITH THE WAY TO DO IT, OR THE LOANS, SO...
THAT'S WHEN MR. NARITA GAVE ME THE WAY TO CONTACT YOU,
HE ALSO TOLD ME HOW YOU WORK.
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MR. MOCHIZUKI, IS THERE ANY WAY YOU CAN HELP ME?
I PLAN ON UNDERSTANDING YOUR WORK.
RIGHT NOW, THE ONES WHO ARE MAKING ME SUFFER THE MOST ARE THE BANKS!
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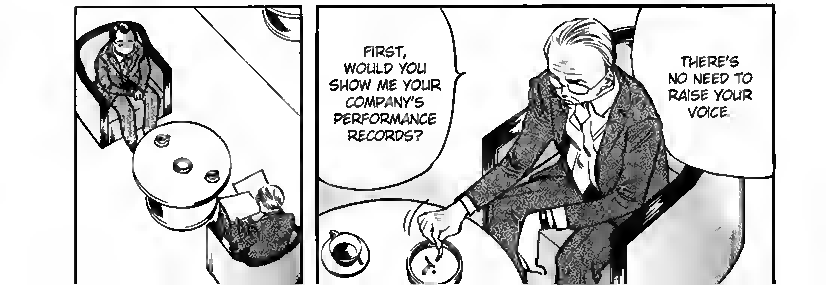
I DON'T THINK THEY SEE HOW MUCH THEY'RE HURTING ME!
THEY ARE COMPLETELY COLD AND MERCILESS!


FIRST, WOULD YOU SHOW ME YOUR COMPANY'S PERFORMANCE RECORDS?
THERE'S NO NEED TO RAISE YOUR VOICE.

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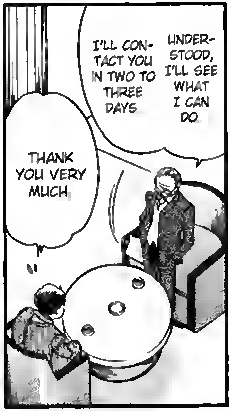

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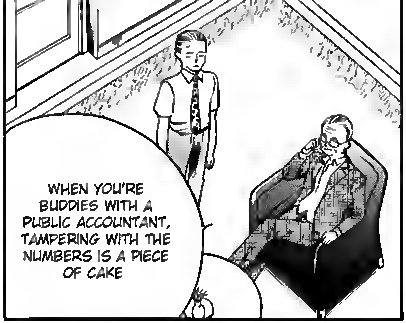
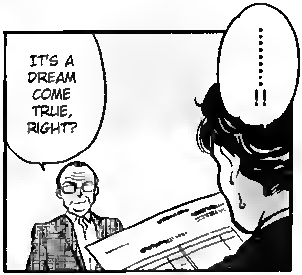
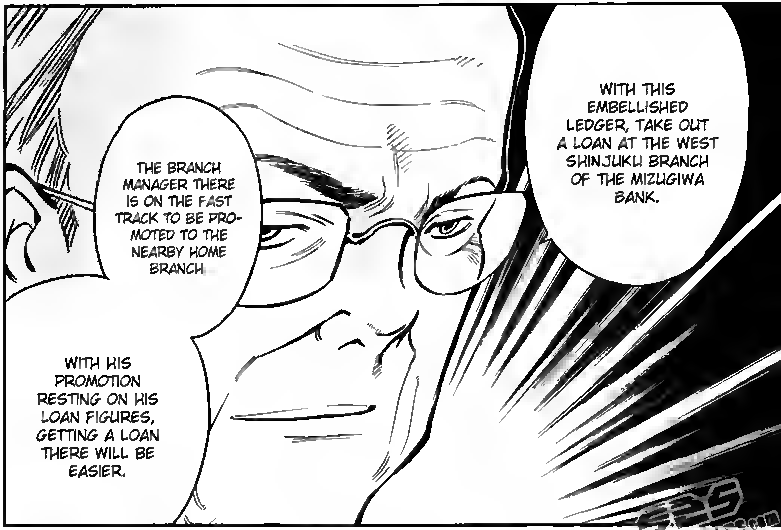
IN GENERAL, ONCE HE LOOKS INTO YOUR AFFAIRS,
HE'LL DEFINITELY CONTACT YOU...
H-HELLO, THIS IS YOKOYAMA
IT'S ME, I'LL HELP YOU OUT.
COME TO ROOM 307 AT THE 'OMEGA TOKYO' HOTEL TONIGHT.
I'LL GIVE YOU THE DETAILS THERE.
OMEGA
307
THIS IS MIYADA, A PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT.
HE'LL BE ASSISTING US.
AND HERE,
IS YOUR COMPANY'S ACCOUNTING LEDGER.






WITH THIS EMBELLISHED LEDGER, TAKE OUT A LOAN AT THE WEST SHINJUKU BRANCH OF THE MIZUGIWA BANK.
THE BRANCH MANAGER THERE IS ON THE FAST TRACK TO BE PROMOTED TO THE NEARBY HOME BRANCH.
WITH HIS PROMOTION RESTING ON HIS LOAN FIGURES, GETTING A LOAN THERE WILL BE EASIER.

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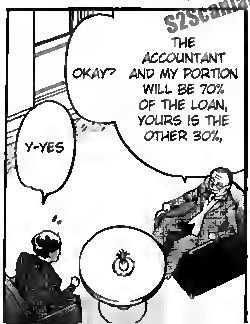

NEXT WE'LL GO TO THE BANK.
GOT IT, DO IT JUST AS WE PLANNED
SO EVERYTHING WENT WELL, MR. YOKOYAMA?
AFTERWARDS, IT WOULD BE BEST TO PREPARE TO—
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WHAT'S UP, YOUNG MAN?
AH, NOTHING... I'LL CALL YOU TOMORROW.
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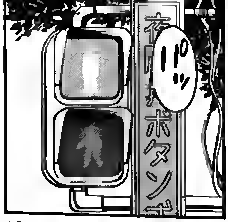

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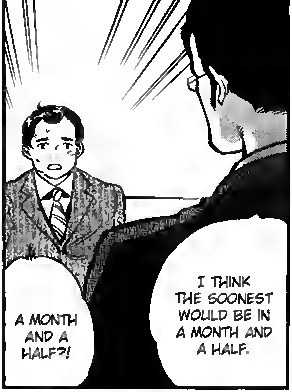
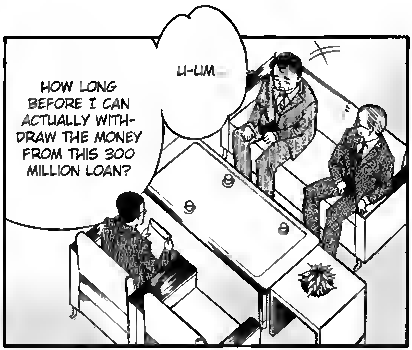
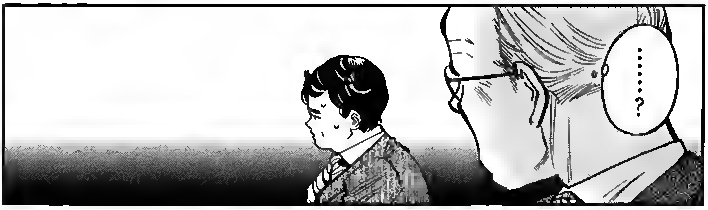

A MONTH AND A HALF?!
I THINK THE SOONEST WOULD BE IN A MONTH AND A HALF.


HOW LONG BEFORE I CAN ACTUALLY WITHDRAW THE MONEY FROM THIS 300 MILLION LOAN?
U-UM...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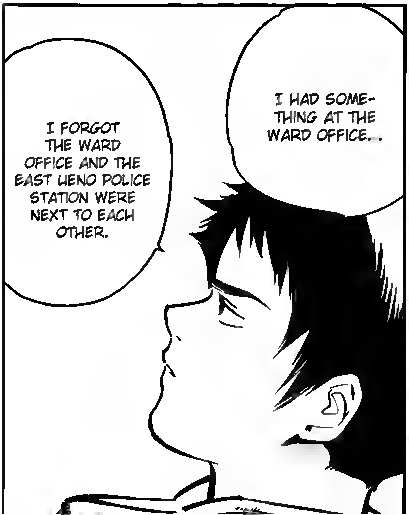
I FORGOT THE WARD OFFICE AND THE EAST UENO POLICE STATION WERE NEXT TO EACH OTHER.
I HAD SOMETHING AT THE WARD OFFICE...

WHAT BUSINESS DOES A SWINDLER HAVE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?

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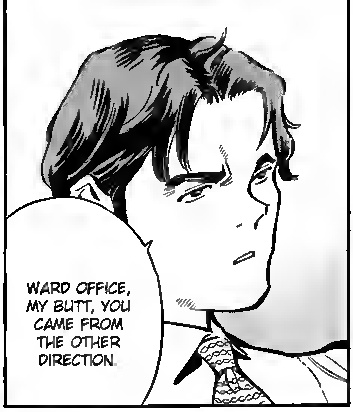

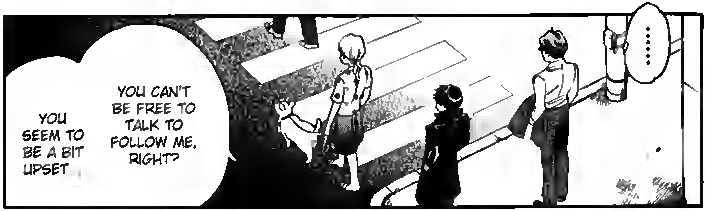

YOU... DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE, WITH THAT ACCOUNTING FRAUD ..?!
ISN'T IT YOUR JOB, AS POLICE, TO BUST SWINDLERS?
I I'D
ANY-WAY,
BETRAYING YOUR SENIOR AND TURNING THIS INTO A FULL INVESTIGATION, TO CATCH THE SHIROSAGI, THE WORLD'S BALANCE ISN'T GOING TO CHANGE.
AFTER ALL THIS IS SAID AND DONE... YOU STILL HAVE TO ANSWER TO YOUR SENIOR.
.....
HOW MUCH OF THAT SWINDLER HAVE YOU GRASPED?
HEY, HEY, YOU THINK I'LL JUST GIVE YOU INFORMA-TION?
WAIT!

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A MONTH AND A HALF ISN'T SOON ENOUGH!
I HAVE A BILL FOR 50 MILLION DUE NEXT WEEK...
WE'VE ALREADY DEFAULTED ON ONE PAYMENT, THIS TIME WOULD BE BANKRUPTCY.
BEFORE THE BANK INVESTIGATES, EVERYTHING WOULD FADE LIKE FROTH...!
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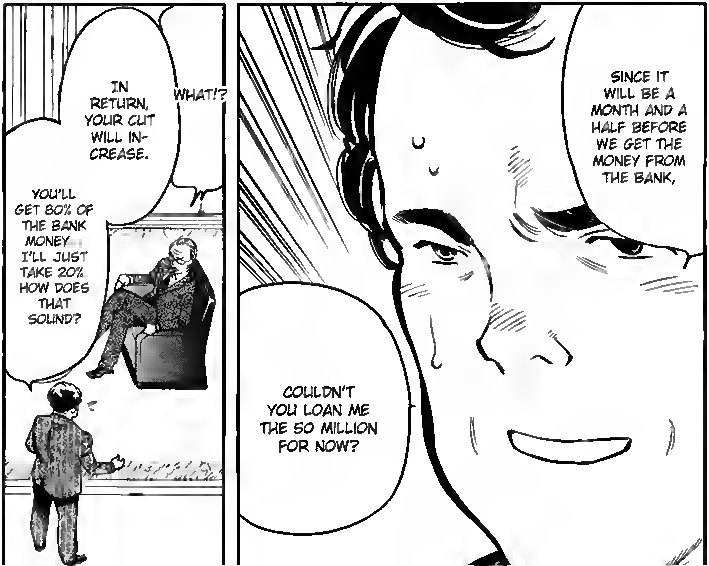
FROM HERE IS CRITICAL...
...R, RIGHT.
WHAT IF WE DID IT LIKE THIS?


SINCE IT WILL BE A MONTH AND A HALF BEFORE WE GET THE MONEY FROM THE BANK,
COULDN'T YOU LOAN ME THE 50 MILLION FOR NOW?
WHAT!?
IN RETURN, YOUR CUT WILL INCREASE.
YOU'LL GET 80% OF THE BANK MONEY. I'LL JUST TAKE 20%. HOW DOES THAT SOUND?

.....
HOLD ON... DO YOU REALLY THINK MR. MOCHIZUKI WILL GET ON BOARD WITH THAT?
.....
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IT'S FINE.
HE HAS ABSOLUTE CONFIDENCE IN HIS WORK.
IN OTHER WORDS, HE TRUSTS THAT THE BANK WILL DEFINITELY GIVE THE LOAN.
NOT TO MENTION, IN A MONTH AND A HALF, HE'LL GET HIS HANDS ON MORE MONEY THAN IN THE ORIGINAL DEAL.
THE MORE CONFIDENCE HE HAS,
THE MORE DESIRE HE HAS,
THE MORE LIKELY HE WILL GET ON BOARD WITH THIS.

USE THAT MONEY TO START OVER WITH YOUR FAMILY...
IT'S FINE; GET LOST!
BUT...
MY TARGET WASN'T THE MONEY.
OKAY THAT I TAKE THE WHOLE 50 MILLION YEN?
IS IT REALLY,
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NOW THEN...
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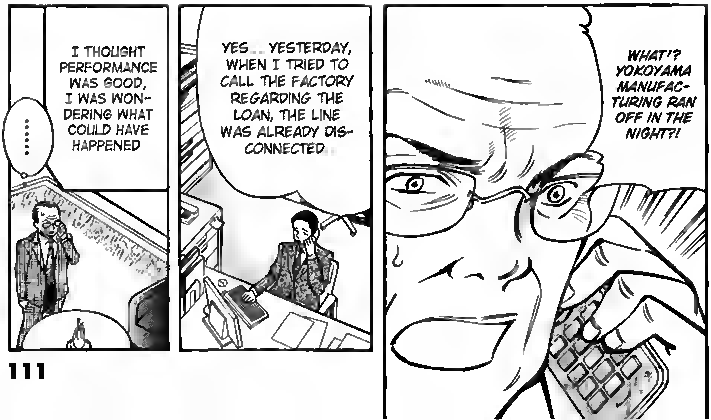
I THOUGHT PERFORMANCE WAS GOOD, I WAS WONDERING WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED
.....
YES... YESTERDAY, WHEN I TRIED TO CALL THE FACTORY REGARDING THE LOAN, THE LINE WAS ALREADY DISCONNECTED.
WHAT!? YOKOYAMA MANUFACTURING RAN OFF IN THE NIGHT?!

YOKOYAMA! THAT BASTARD TOOK 50 MILLION FROM US!!
WHAT HAPPENED, MR MOCHIZUKI?
I'VE BEEN HAD! THAT DAMN PRESIDENT!!
.....!?
BUT, THERE'S NO WAY HE COULD HAVE DONE IT ALONE
WH...?
WHO ELSE HAD A HAND IN THIS...?!

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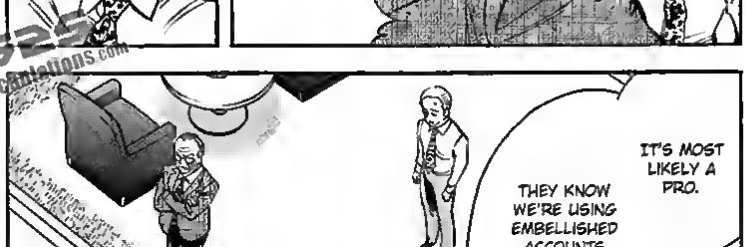

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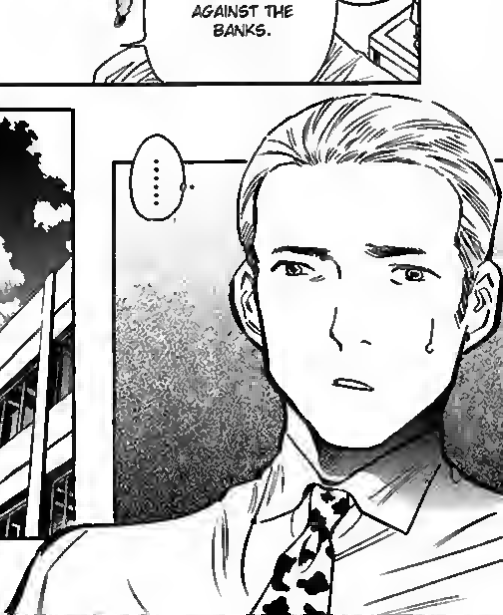

AH, IT'S NOTHING...
SENSEI? WHAT'S WRONG?
THEY KNOW WE'RE USING EMBELLISHED ACCOUNTS AGAINST THE BANKS.
WHY DID THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN...
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ME, A PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, HAVING A HAND IN EMBELLISHING ACCOUNT RECORDS,
I MIGHT BE ZEROED IN ON...!!
IF ONE OTHER PERSON KNOWS ABOUT IT, THERE'S A HIGH POSSIBILITY MORE PEOPLE DO TOO...
WHICH COULD INCLUDE THE POLICE.

THE POLICE? DON'T WORRY, IT HASN'T GOTTEN TO THEM YET.
WHY WOULD HE SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT!?
IT'S THE END FOR ME...
IF THAT HAPPENS,
50 MILLION? ONE 'JOB' SHOULD TAKE CARE OF THAT, RIGHT?
RATHER, OUR TOP PRIORITY IS GETTING BACK THE MONEY THAT PRESIDENT TOOK FROM US.
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FROM THE ACCOUNTANT'S ASSOCIATION, HUH...
ANY MORE AND I'LL...
THIS SUCKS...

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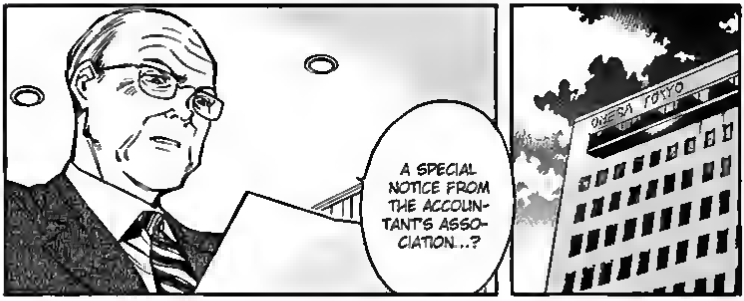
A SPECIAL NOTICE FROM THE ACCOUNTANT'S ASSOCIATION...?
OMEGA TOKYO

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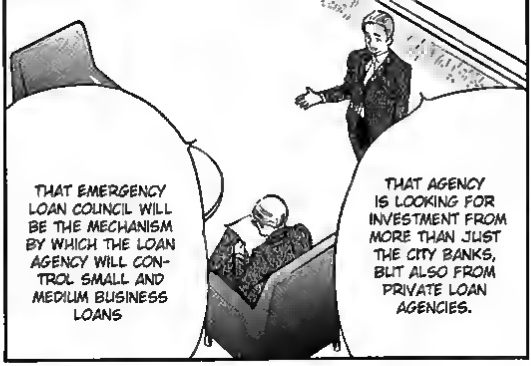
AND?
Financial Services Bureau - Emergency Loan Council Duties Entailed
THE FINANCIAL SERVICES BUREAU IS UNPLEASANT, BUT...
YES, THEY SEEM TO BE FORMING A NEW LOAN AGENCY SPECIFICALLY FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM BUSINESSES.


THAT EMERGENCY LOAN COUNCIL WILL BE THE MECHANISM BY WHICH THE LOAN AGENCY WILL CONTROL SMALL AND MEDIUM BUSINESS LOANS
THAT AGENCY IS LOOKING FOR INVESTMENT FROM MORE THAN JUST THE CITY BANKS, BUT ALSO FROM PRIVATE LOAN AGENCIES.

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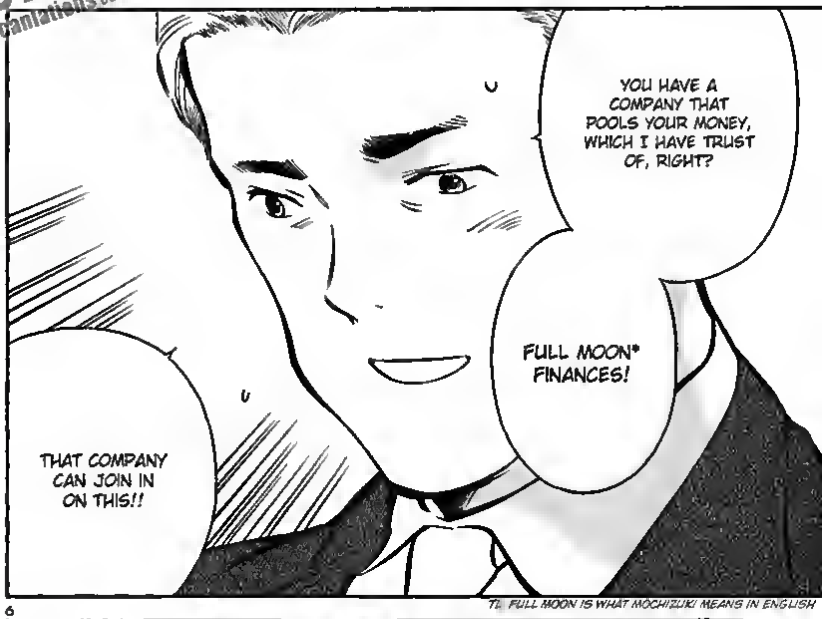

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*TL: FULL MOON IS WHAT MOCHIZUKI MEANS IN ENGLISH

YOU DON'T HAVE ANY INVESTMENTS THAT PRESENTLY PAY INTEREST, YOU KNOW.
AFTER ALL, THE GOVERNMENT WARRANTIES INVESTMENTS IN PUBLIC FUNDS, RIGHT?
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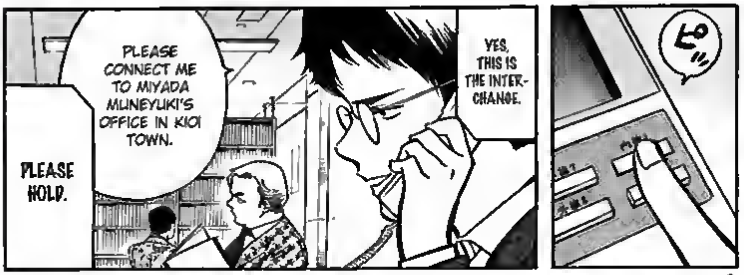
PLEASE CONNECT ME TO MIYADA MUNEYUKI'S OFFICE IN KIOI TOWN.
PLEASE HOLD.
YES, THIS IS THE INTER-CHANGE.
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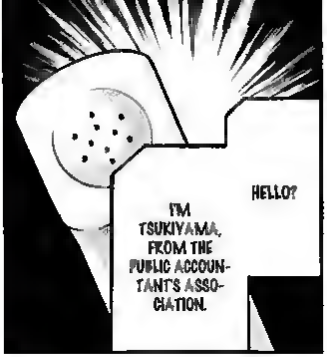
SENSEI, THERE'S A CALL FROM THE ACCOUN-TANT'S ASSO-CIATION.
PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT.
HELLO? THIS IS THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT'S ASSOCIATION. IS MIYADA-SENSEI AVAILABLE?
RING RING



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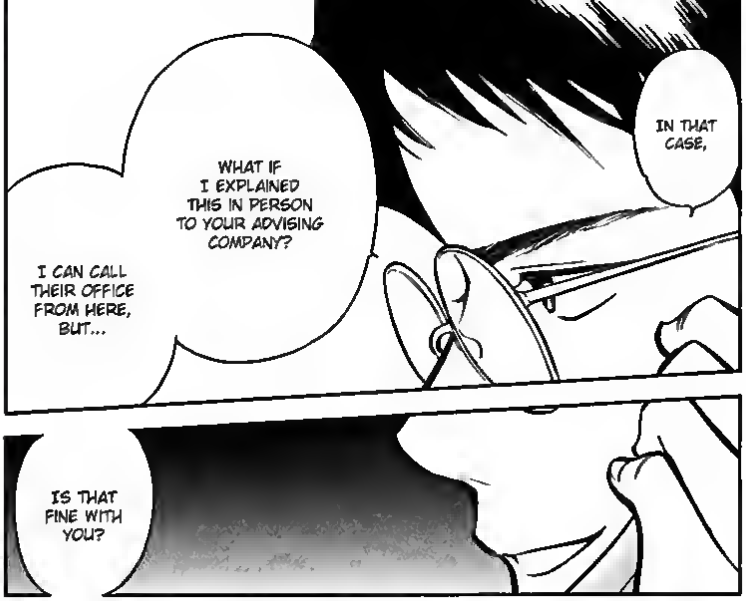
IN THAT CASE,
WHAT IF I EXPLAINED THIS IN PERSON TO YOUR ADVISING COMPANY?
I CAN CALL THEIR OFFICE FROM HERE, BUT...
IS THAT FINE WITH YOU?

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PARDON ME, I'M STEPPING OUT.
AH, GOOD WORK.
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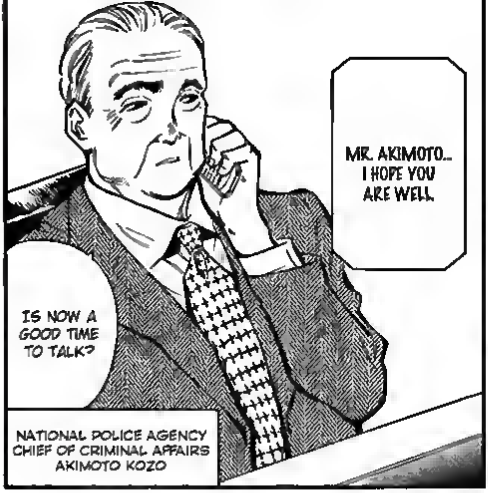
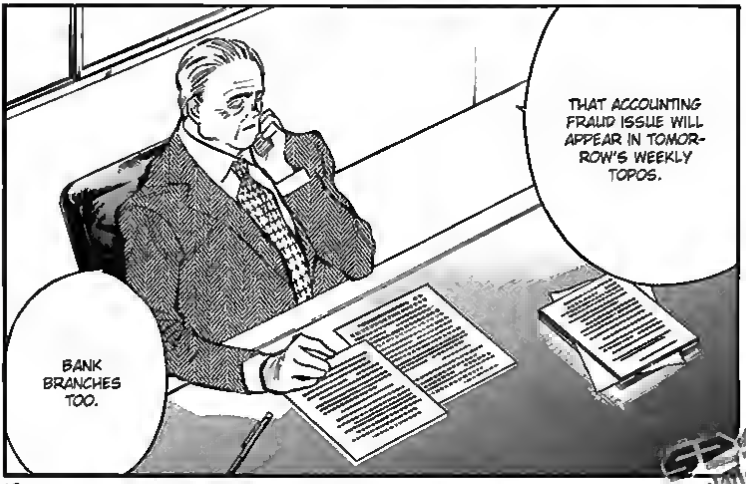
RING RING
UENO EAST POLICE HEADQUARTERS





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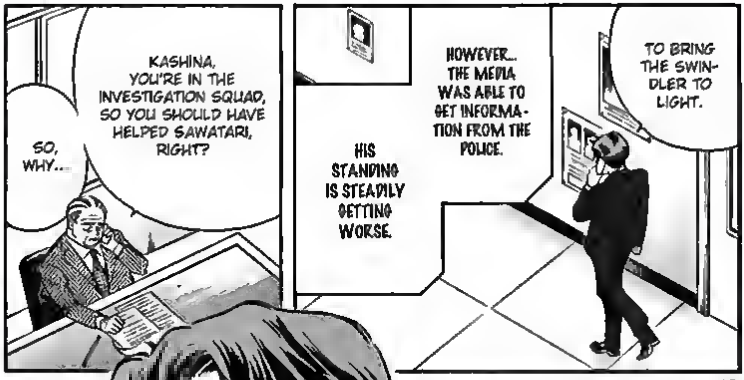
KASHINA, SAWATARI ASKED YOU TO KEEP THIS INCIDENT BEHIND-THE-SCENES, DIDN'T HE?
WHY DID IT BECOME A PROPER INVESTIGATION?


TO BRING THE SWINDLER TO LIGHT.
HOWEVER... THE MEDIA WAS ABLE TO GET INFORMATION FROM THE POLICE.
HIS STANDING IS STEADILY GETTING WORSE.
KASHINA, YOU'RE IN THE INVESTIGATION SQUAD, SO YOU SHOULD HAVE HELPED SAWATARI, RIGHT?
SO, WHY...

ABOUT THAT,
DID YOU NOT HEAR ME?

MY JOB IS TO CAPTURE THE SWINDLER WHO HAS BEEN COMMITTING THESE ACCOUNTING FRAUDS.
NOTHING ELSE.
THIS IS ORIGINALLY A CASE BROUGHT TO ME BY MR. SAWATARI.
IT CHANGED INTO A FULL INVESTIGATION,
BUT IT IS STEADILY PROCEEDING.
MR. SAWATARI...
HAS NO COMPLAINTS IN THAT REGARD, CORRECT?

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IN ANY CASE, THIS SEEMS TO BE A BETTER WAY TO INCREASE OUR FUNDS THAN A NEW 'JOB'...
CERTAINLY GOOD AS AN INVESTMENT OPTION, BUT...
THAT IS
YEAH, OKAY...
AT LEAST, LET'S LISTEN TO THE DETAILS FROM THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT'S ASSOCIATION, ALRIGHT?
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HIMAWARI BANK
150 MILLION IN BAD LOANS
FROM ACCOUNTING FRAUD

MAYBE.
I DON'T GET IT, THIS INFO... THE POLICE RELEASED IT, AND A REPORTER MADE IT INTO AN INCIDENT, RIGHT?
SAWATARI'S GOT HIS COLLEGE NETWORK, THERE MUST BE PLENTY OF CONTACTS IN BOTH THE POLICE AND MEDIA, SO
THEY SHOULD HAVE HALTED ANY INCIDENT, RIGHT?

TL: I BELIEVE HE'S REFERRING TO KASHINA, RATHER THAN KUROSAKI

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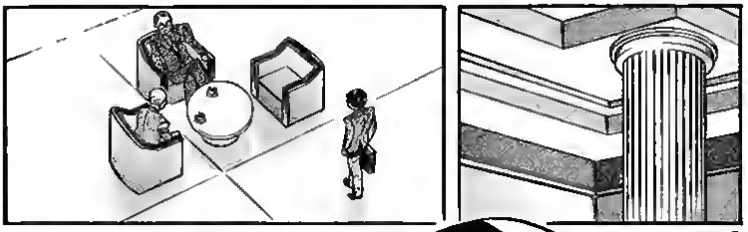
A PERSON FROM THE OFFICE IS COMING AT TWO TODAY.
WHY DON'T YOU SIT IN AS WELL?
THAT'S RIGHT...



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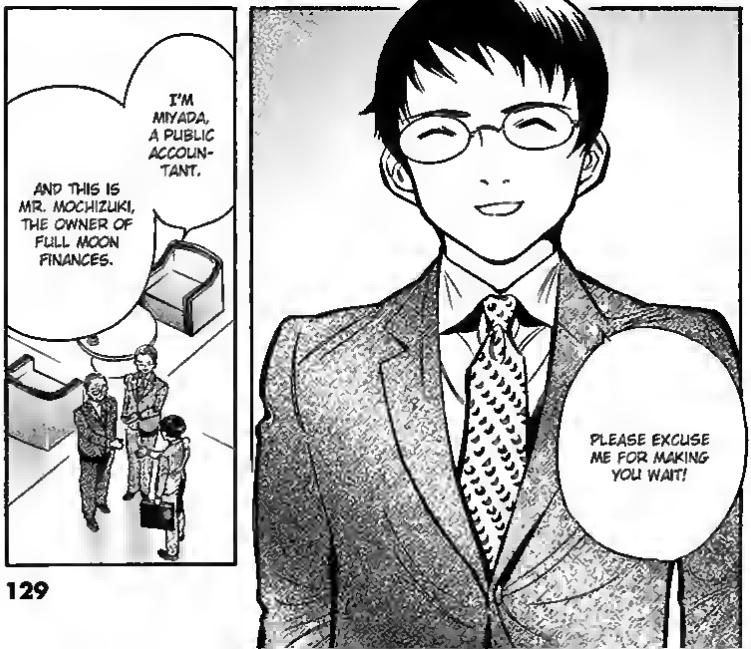
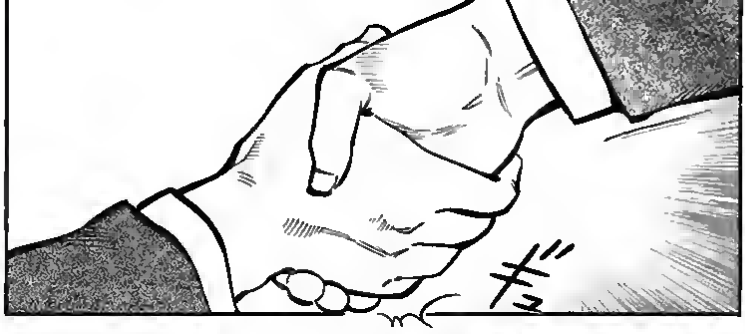

I'M MIYADA, A PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT.
AND THIS IS MR. MOCHIZUKI, THE OWNER OF FULL MOON FINANCES.
PLEASE EXCUSE ME FOR MAKING YOU WAIT!



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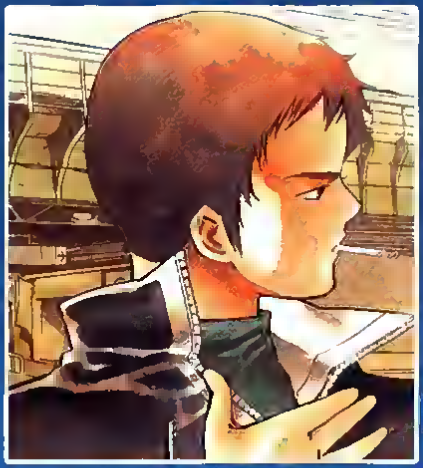

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PLEASED TO MEET YOU.
I'M KINOSAKI, FROM THE FINANCIAL SERVICES BUREAU EMERGENCY LOAN COUNCIL OFFICE
I'M MOCHIZUKI, THE OWNER OF FULL MOON FINANCES.
I WAS FILLED IN BY THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT'S ASSOCIATION.
YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE LOAN AGENCY FOCUSED ON SMALL AND MEDIUM BUSINESSES?
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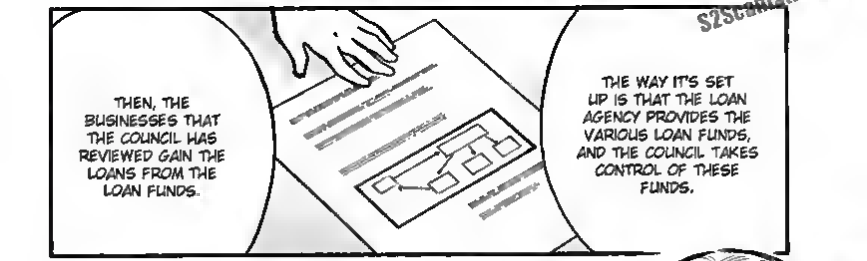
WE'VE BEEN CALLING NOT ONLY ON CITY BANKS, BUT HAVE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE PRIVATE LENDERS AS WELL.
THIS IS AN AGENCY SPECIALLY FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM BUSINESS LOANS.
YOU'VE ALREADY HEARD THIS, BUT


THEN, THE BUSINESSES THAT THE COUNCIL HAS REVIEWED GAIN THE LOANS FROM THE LOAN FUNDS.
THE WAY IT'S SET UP IS THAT THE LOAN AGENCY PROVIDES THE VARIOUS LOAN FUNDS, AND THE COUNCIL TAKES CONTROL OF THESE FUNDS.

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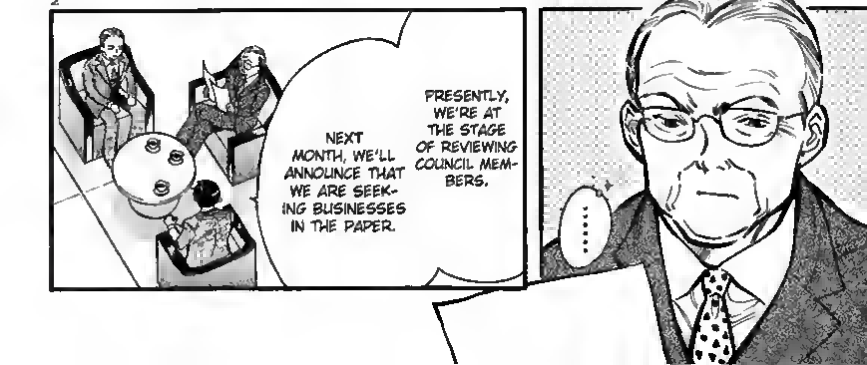
NEXT MONTH, WE'LL ANNOUNCE THAT WE ARE SEEKING BUSINESSES IN THE PAPER.
PRESENTLY, WE'RE AT THE STAGE OF REVIEWING COUNCIL MEMBERS.
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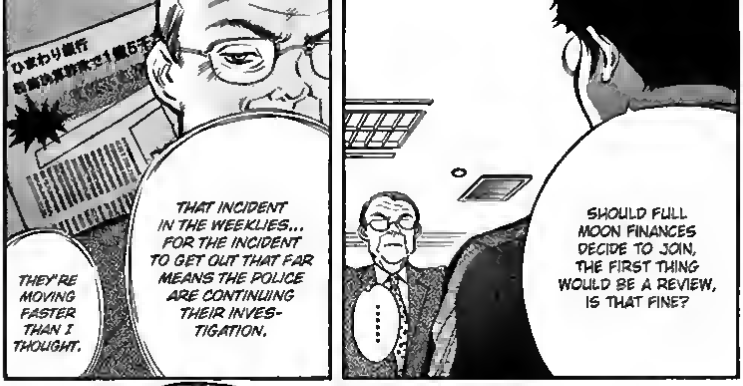
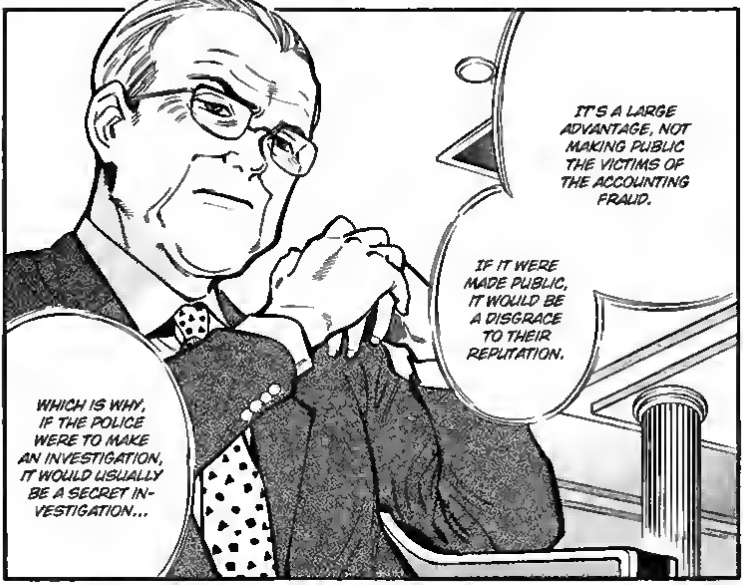

THEY'RE MOVING FASTER THAN I THOUGHT.
THAT INCIDENT IN THE WEEKLIES... FOR THE INCIDENT TO GET OUT THAT FAR MEANS THE POLICE ARE CONTINUING THEIR INVESTIGATION.
SHOULD FULL MOON FINANCES DECIDE TO JOIN, THE FIRST THING WOULD BE A REVIEW, IS THAT FINE?


WHICH IS WHY, IF THE POLICE WERE TO MAKE AN INVESTIGATION, IT WOULD USUALLY BE A SECRET INVESTIGATION...
IF IT WERE MADE PUBLIC, IT WOULD BE A DISGRACE TO THEIR REPUTATION.
IT'S A LARGE ADVANTAGE, NOT MAKING PUBLIC THE VICTIMS OF THE ACCOUNTING FRAUD.

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... PERHAPS,
I'M STILL UNSURE WHY IT BECAME A FULL INVESTIGATION.
BUT THIS ISSUE REGARDING HIMAWARI BANK'S WORK IS DIFFERENT.

AND IF HE MAKES A STATEMENT, HE'LL BLAB ABOUT ME...
THE POLICE WILL SOON CATCH MIYADA...
THINKING THAT WAY,
IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGOUS TO HAVE MONEY POOLED IN A DIFFERENT PLACE.
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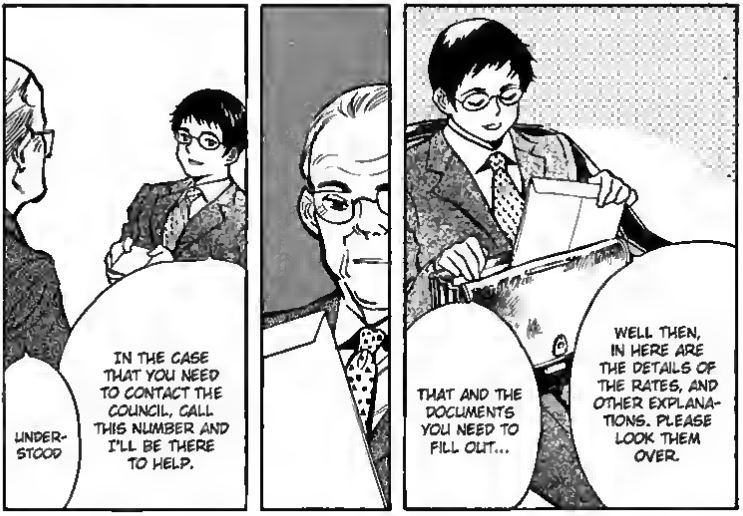
WELL THEN, IN HERE ARE THE DETAILS OF THE RATES, AND OTHER EXPLANATIONS. PLEASE LOOK THEM OVER.
THAT AND THE DOCUMENTS YOU NEED TO FILL OUT...
IN THE CASE THAT YOU NEED TO CONTACT THE COUNCIL, CALL THIS NUMBER AND I'LL BE THERE TO HELP.
UNDERSTOOD

Financial Services Bureau
Small and Medium Business Emergency Special Council
Kinosaki Taka
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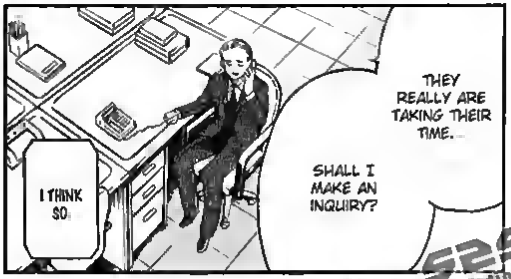
ONE WEEK LATER
RING RING
YES, THIS IS MIYADA.
IT'S ME.



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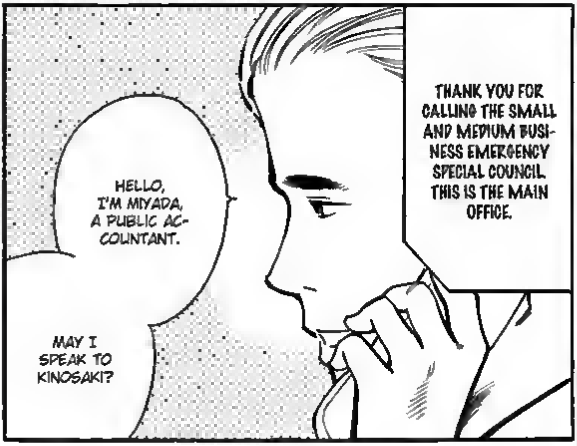
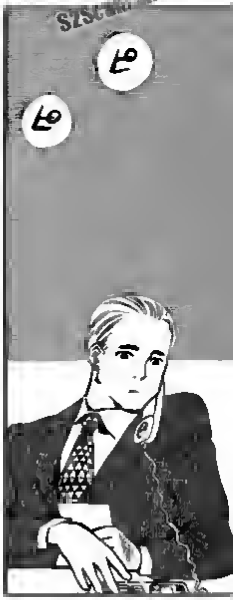

HELLO, I'M MIYADA, A PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT.
MAY I SPEAK TO KINOSAKI?
THANK YOU FOR CALLING THE SMALL AND MEDIUM BUSINESS EMERGENCY SPECIAL COUNCIL. THIS IS THE MAIN OFFICE.



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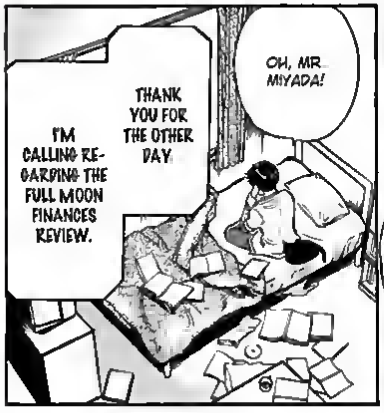
MR. SHIROSAKI, A PHONE CALL HAS COME FROM A MR. MIYADA.
THIS IS TELEMEDIA STAFF TELEPHONE AGENCY.
HELLO?

RING RING

SHALL I PUT HIM THROUGH?
GO AHEAD.


I'M CALLING REGARDING THE FULL MOON FINANCES REVIEW.
THANK YOU FOR THE OTHER DAY.
OH, MR. MIYADA!

RING RING

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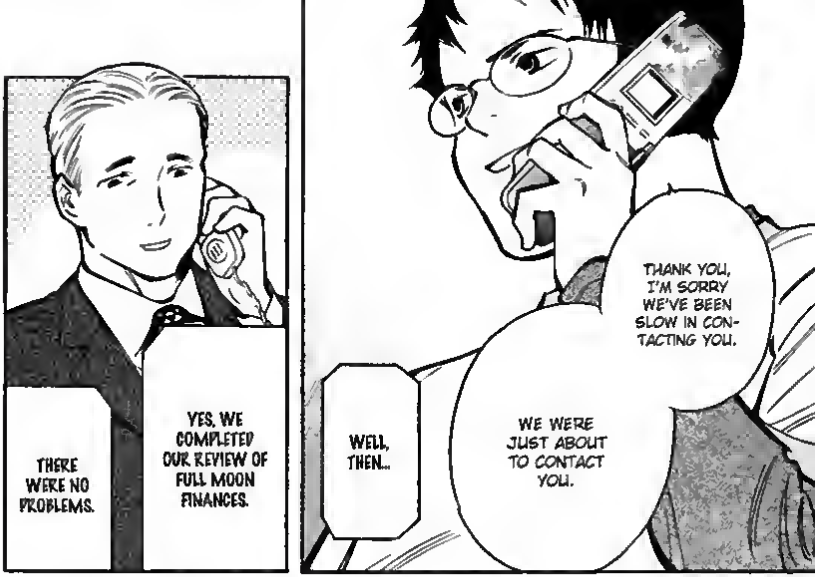
HELLO? THIS IS KINOSAKI.
MR. KINOSAKI, THIS IS MIYADA.


YES, WE COMPLETED OUR REVIEW OF FULL MOON FINANCES.
THERE WERE NO PROBLEMS.
WELL, THEN...
WE WERE JUST ABOUT TO CONTACT YOU.
THANK YOU, I'M SORRY WE'VE BEEN SLOW IN CONTACTING YOU.

THEN, I WILL CONTACT MR MOCHIZUKI, AND CONTACT YOU AGAIN.
UNDERSTOOD.
THEREFORE, WE CAN START FORMAL ENTRY PROCEDURES BEFORE LONG.
SO, THEY FINISHED THEIR REVIEW?
HM...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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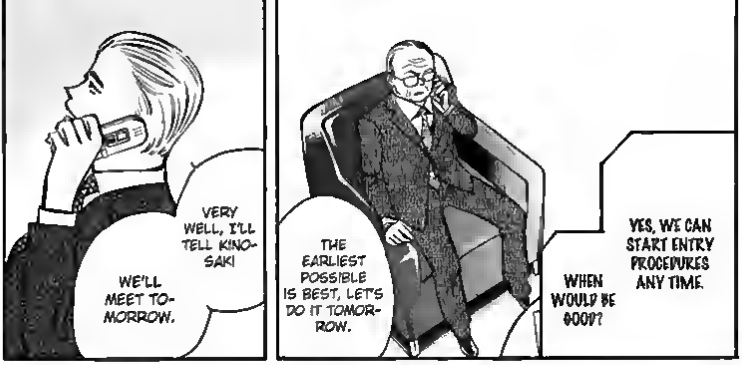
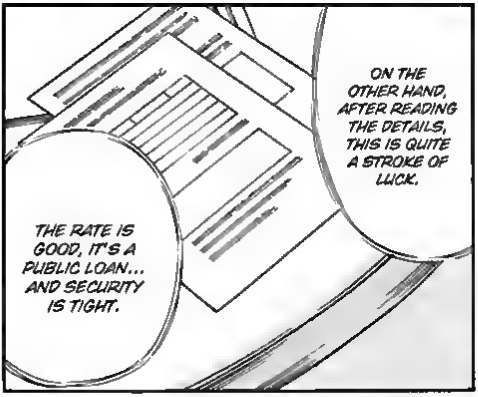

VERY WELL, I'LL TELL KINOSAKI
WE'LL MEET TOMORROW.
THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE IS BEST, LET'S DO IT TOMORROW.
WHEN WOULD BE GOOD?
YES, WE CAN START ENTRY PROCEDURES ANY TIME.

Eh?


ON THE OTHER HAND, AFTER READING THE DETAILS, THIS IS QUITE A STROKE OF LUCK.
THE RATE IS GOOD, IT'S A PUBLIC LOAN... AND SECURITY IS TIGHT.

IN THE OFF CHANCE WE'RE ARRESTED...

WE'LL JUST BARELY MAKE IT...
LUCKILY, THERE WERE NO NEW MOVEMENTS IN THIS WEEK'S NEWS.

I WAS THINKING THIS WOULD BE OUR EMERGENCY STASH TO START OVER, BUT...
IN ANY CASE UNTIL ANY LINGERING EXCITEMENT COOLS OFF, WE CAN INCREASE OUR MONEY WITH THIS INVESTMENT...!
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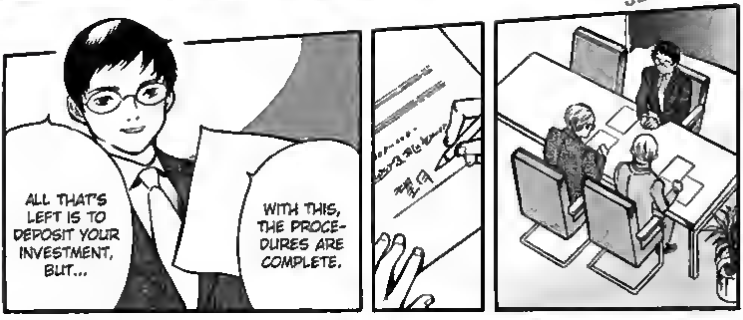

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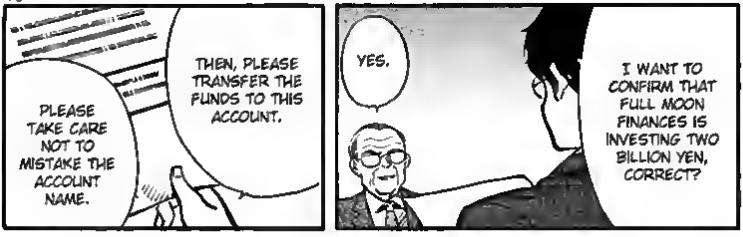
PLEASE TAKE CARE NOT TO MISTAKE THE ACCOUNT NAME.
THEN, PLEASE TRANSFER THE FUNDS TO THIS ACCOUNT.
YES.
I WANT TO CONFIRM THAT FULL MOON FINANCES IS INVESTING TWO BILLION YEN, CORRECT?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
OH?
YOU CAME, MR. SAWA-TARI?
IN THAT CASE, YOU COULD HAVE BROUGHT THIS IN YOUR-SELF.

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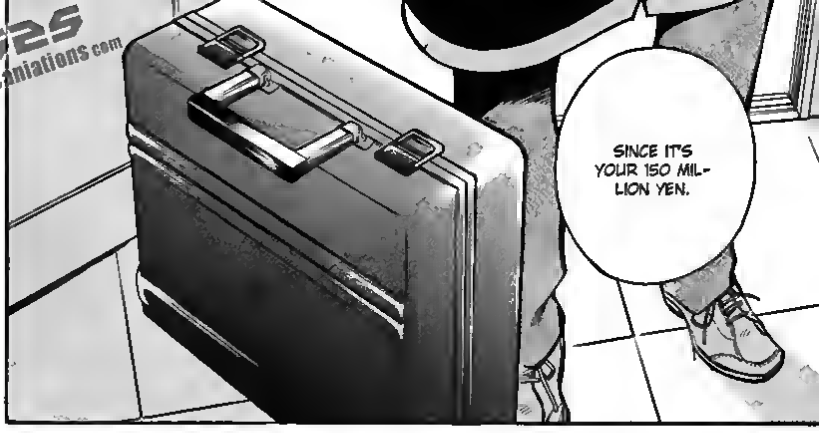

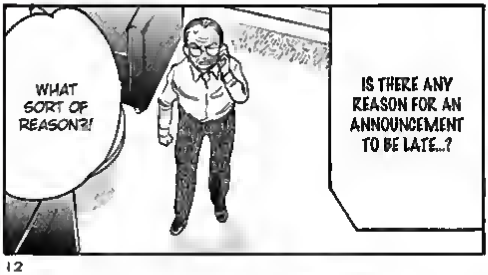

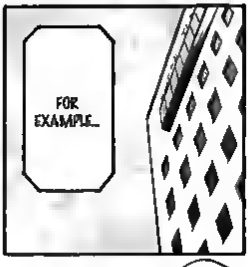

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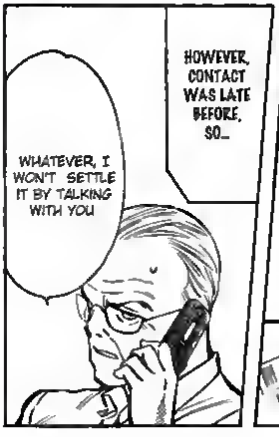

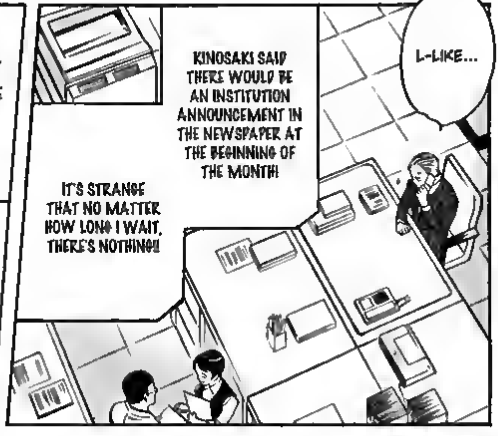
KINOSAKI SAID THERE WOULD BE AN INSTITUTION ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE NEWSPAPER AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH!
IT'S STRANGE THAT NO MATTER HOW LONG I WAIT, THERE'S NOTHING!!
L-LIKE...

RING RING
CLICK
...HELLO?!
THAT KINO-SAKI!!
IT'S TWO BILLION YEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE—!
LO
LO
THE NUMBER YOU DIALED IS CURRENTLY OUT OF SERVICE.
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LIKE I KNOW!! ANYWAY THEIR OFFICE'S PHONE IS SUSPENDED!
W, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN, EXACTLY...
THE NUMBER'S BEEN SUSPENDED?!

I'M GOING THERE RIGHT AWAY, JUST WAIT AT THE HOTEL.
UNDERSTOOD, I'LL GO ASK AT THE FINANCIAL SERVICES AGENCY.
THE FINANCIAL SERVICES AGENCY..?
!!
WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A FEW WORDS WITH YOU...
WE ARE FROM THE TOKYO POLICE, UENO PRECINCT.
PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT MIYADA MUNEYUKI, I PRESUME?
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EVEN SO, WITHOUT IT BECOMING A DISCIPLINARY DISMISSAL, BUT INSTEAD BEING ASKED TO RETIRE IS BETTER, RIGHT?
HIMAWARI ACCOUNTING FRAUD
150 MILLION IN BAD LOANS
Yuto Shimbun

TL: LOL, AS OPPOSED TO ASAHI SHINBUN - THIS IS EVENING SUN, RATHER THAN MORNING SUN

YOU PLEASED?
OR, RATHER, WOULD YOU ELITE BANK OFFICIALS REALLY LET IT END LIKE THIS?
NOT REALLY.
IN PRACTICE, HOLDING ONTO MONEY IS FAR HEAVIER ON YOU THAN WATCHING OVER IT, MR. SAWATARI
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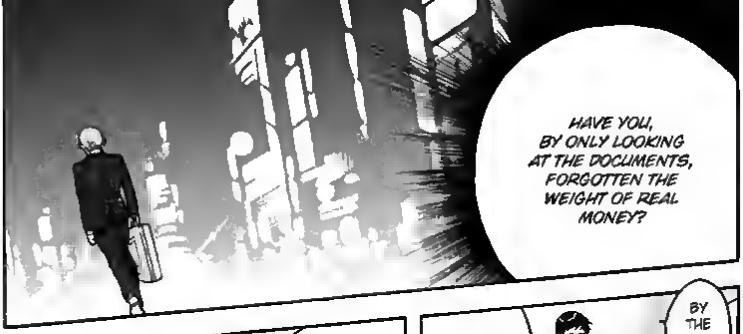
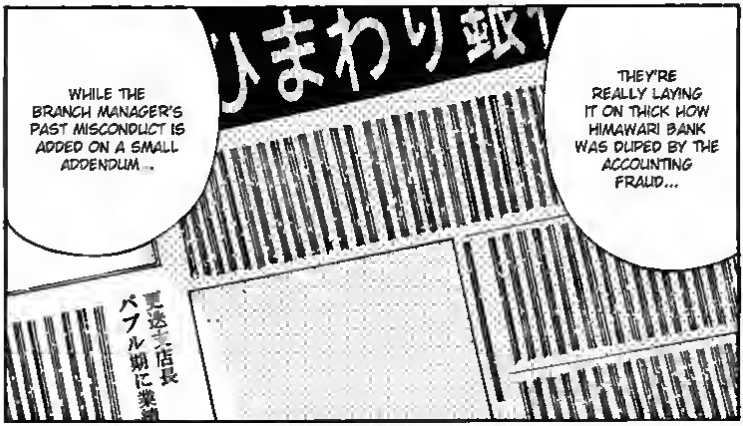
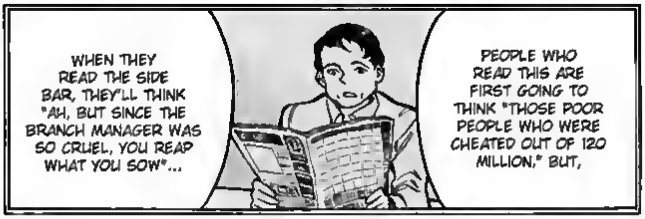

HAVE YOU, BY ONLY LOOKING AT THE DOCUMENTS, FORGOTTEN THE WEIGHT OF REAL MONEY?

I KIND OF GET A BIT OF ILL INTENT IN THE TONE OF THIS ARTICLE.

YOU DIDN'T CUT OFF INFO... EVEN TO THE END, HUH.
BY THE WAY...


WHILE THE BRANCH MANAGER'S PAST MISCONDUCT IS ADDED ON A SMALL ADDENDUM...
THEY'RE REALLY LAYING IT ON THICK HOW HIMAWARI BANK WAS DUPED BY THE ACCOUNTING FRAUD...


WHEN THEY READ THE SIDE BAR, THEY'LL THINK "AH, BUT SINCE THE BRANCH MANAGER WAS SO CRUEL, YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW"...
PEOPLE WHO READ THIS ARE FIRST GOING TO THINK "THOSE POOR PEOPLE WHO WERE CHEATED OUT OF 120 MILLION." BUT,

IS THIS REPORT ALSO THE POLICE'S DOING?
RATHER THAN THAT, IT'S CLOSER TO SAY THAT SAWATARI'S ELITE COLLEGIE NETWORK HAS EXPELLED HIM.

SINCE NOTHING MORE WILL COME OF HAVING TIES WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS LOST THEIR POSITION AND INFLUENCE.
THE NETWORK HAS SUSTAINED ITSELF THIS WAY FROM THE START... THEREFORE, ONE HAS TO ELIMINATE THE CANCEROUS CELLS.

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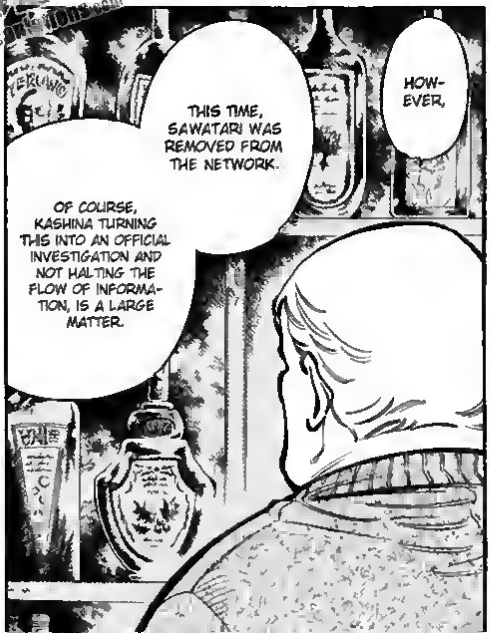
HOW-EVER,
THIS TIME, SAWATARI WAS REMOVED FROM THE NETWORK.
OF COURSE, KASHINA TURNING THIS INTO AN OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION AND NOT HALTING THE FLOW OF INFORMA-TION, IS A LARGE MATTER.

NOT DOING AS EXPECTED IS WHAT THIS WORLD IS BUILT ON.
WHAT'S ODD IS HIM COVERING FOR SAWATARI.
THAT'S A GIVEN.
.....
I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE HIM RESTRAINED IMMEDIATELY.
YEAH, HE ALSO COUGHED UP THE LOCATION OF THE SHI-ROSAGI.
KASHINA
IS THIS ABOUT THAT PUBLIC ACCOUN-TANT YOU SEEM TO HAVE ARBITRARILY BROUGHT IN?
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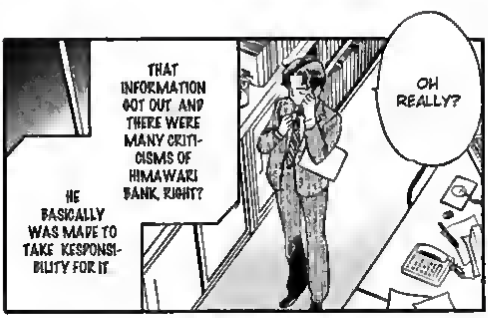
THAT INFORMATION GOT OUT AND THERE WERE MANY CRITICISMS OF HIMAWARI BANK, RIGHT?
OH REALLY?
HE BASICALLY WAS MADE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR IT

BY THE WAY, MR. AKIMOTO, DID YOU KNOW?
ACCORDING TO THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT'S TESTIMONY.
THAT SHIROSAGI WAS CHEATED OF TWO-THIRDS OF HIS ASSETS, AMOUNTING TO TWO BILLION.

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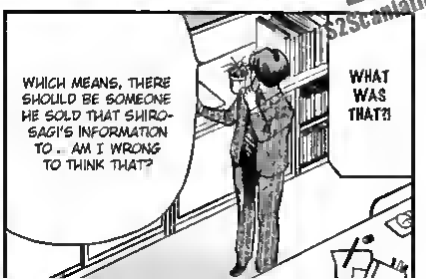

IT DOESN'T MATTER IF IT WAS MR. SAWATARI, OR WHOEVER.
I HAVE NO INTEREST IN WHO HE WOULD SELL THAT SHI-ROSAGI TO.
FOR ME, THERE IS ONLY ONE THING THAT SHOULD BE,
ARRESTING SWINDLERS.
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO SPARE ON ANYTHING ELSE.

LO

THAT'S RIGHT.
OTHER THAN THAT,
ANYTHING GOES!

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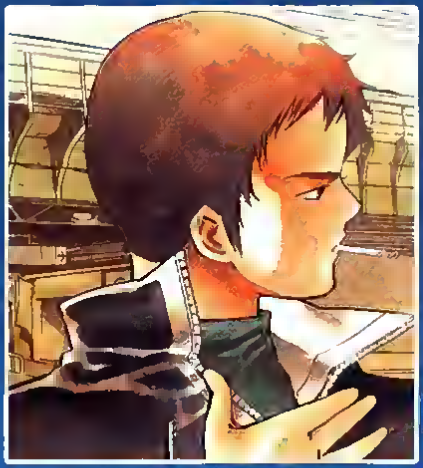

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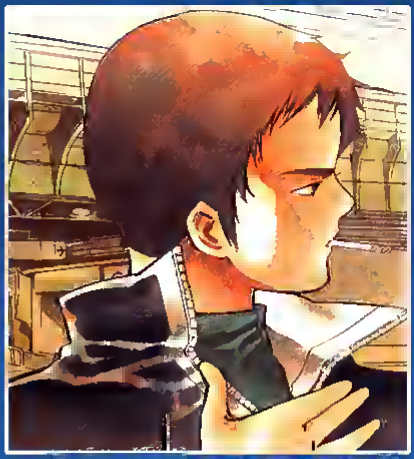

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ACCOMPLICE FRAUD (FIRST PART)

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I HAD A PAINFUL EXPERIENCE WHEN I GOT INVOLVED IN A STRANGE MATTER WHILE PRETENDING I KNEW WHAT IT MEANT.

I RECENTLY LEARNED IT FIRST HAND...

"LET'S DO OUR PART" IS OFTEN SAID, BUT IT IS NATURALLY LIKE THAT.

LUCKY~!

SANZAI UNIVERSITY, ECONOMICS THIRD YEAR

MAEZONO KOUHEI

OH LOOK!

FIFTH PERIOD CLASSES ARE CANCELLED.

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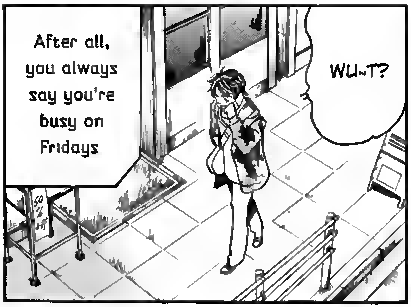
AND I HAD THOUGHT TO GO HANG OUT WITH FRIENDS IN SHIBUYA.

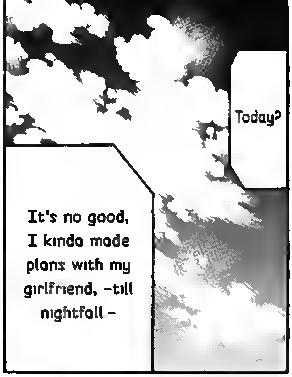
BY THE WAY...

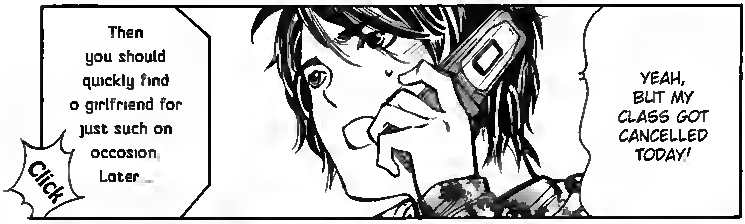
SHIBUYA 109

FRIDAY'S FIFTH PERIOD HIGH LEVEL MICROECONOMICS IS A TOUGH CLASS, SO...

HAVING IT CANCELLED IS A WEIGHT OFF MY CHEST


After all, you always say you're busy on Fridays
WU-T?


Today?
It's no good. I kinda made plans with my girlfriend, -till nightfall -


Then you should quickly find o girlfriend for just such on occosion. Later...
Click
YEAH, BUT MY CLASS GOT CANCELLED TODAY!

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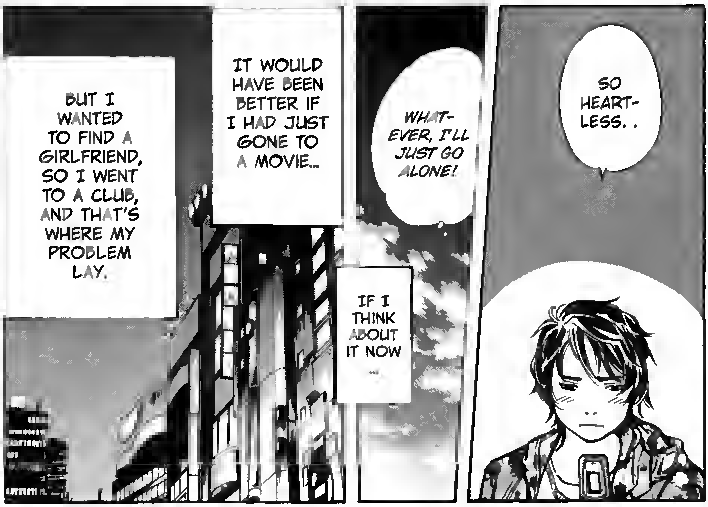
BUT I WANTED TO FIND A GIRLFRIEND, SO I WENT TO A CLUB, AND THAT'S WHERE MY PROBLEM LAY.
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF I HAD JUST GONE TO A MOVIE...
IF I THINK ABOUT IT NOW ...
WHAT-EVER, I'LL JUST GO ALONE!
SO HEART-LESS..

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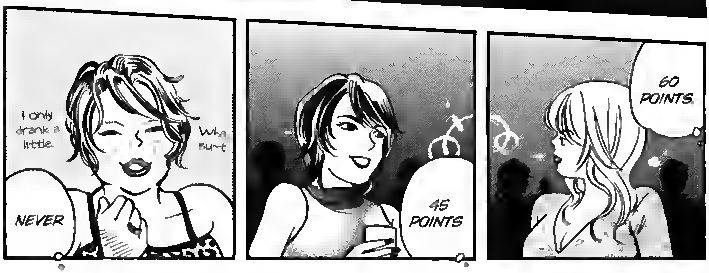

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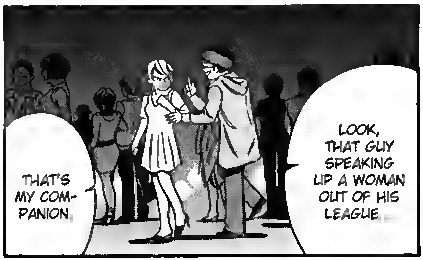
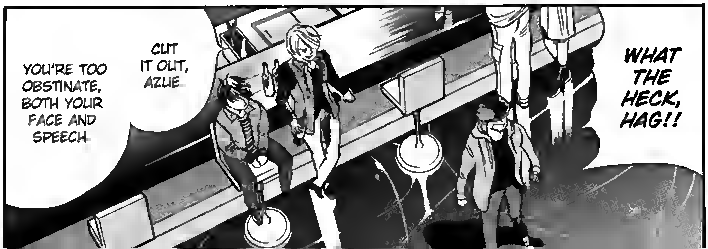
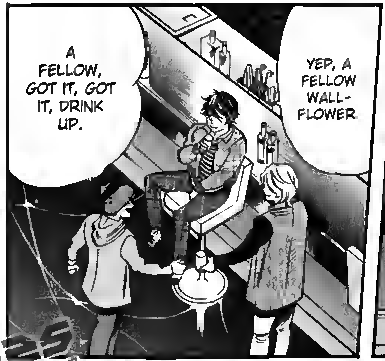
TIN HE USES THE SEMI FORMAL "OTAKU" RATHER THAN "ANATA" FOR "YOU"







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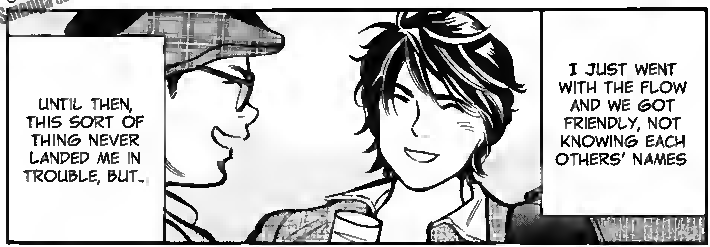
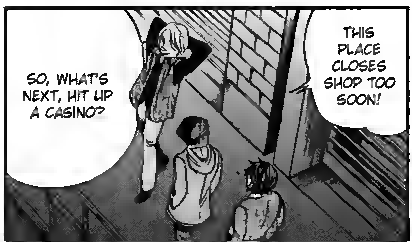
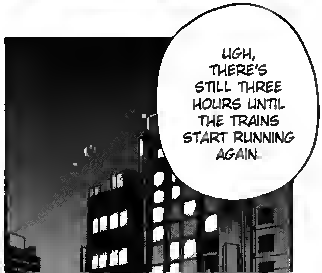
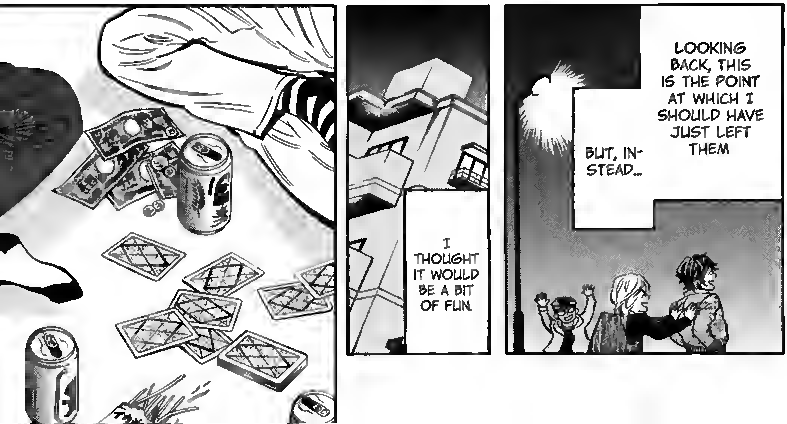
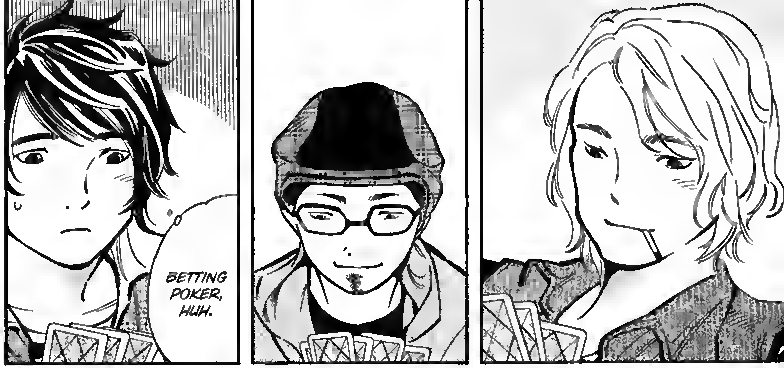

I JUST WENT WITH THE FLOW AND WE GOT FRIENDLY, NOT KNOWING EACH OTHERS' NAMES
UNTIL THEN, THIS SORT OF THING NEVER LANDED ME IN TROUBLE, BUT...

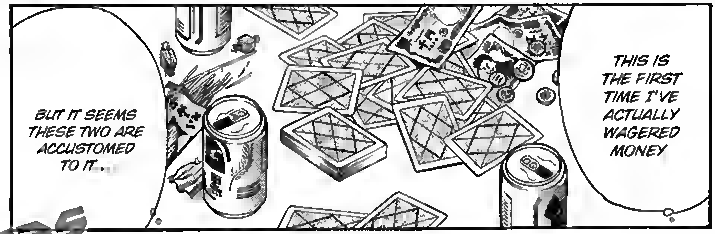




EH…! A CASINO!?
YEAH, IT'S JUST A SHORT WALK, IN A SECRET PLACE…
COULD IT BE… MAEZONO, YOU'VE NEVER BEEN TO A CASINO?
I-I'VE TOTALLY BEEN TO ONE BEFORE, OF COURSE.
……
BUT, HAVING TO WALK IS SU~CH A PAIN.
AH, THEN, I'VE GOT THIS, LET'S GO TO MAE-ZONO'S PLACE AND PLAY CARDS
YOU LIVE CLOSE, BY, RIGHT?


LOOKING BACK, THIS IS THE POINT AT WHICH I SHOULD HAVE JUST LEFT THEM
BUT, IN-STEAD…
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A BIT OF FUN.





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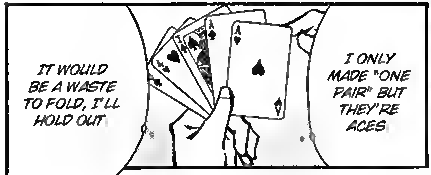

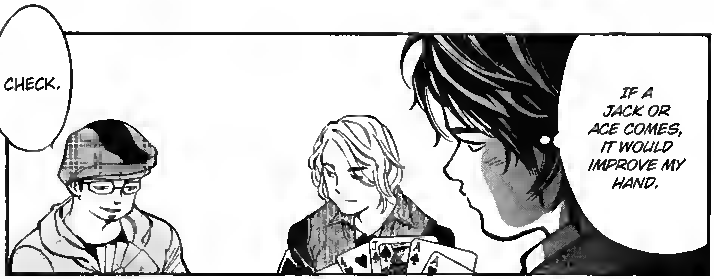
CHECK.
IF A JACK OR ACE COMES, IT WOULD IMPROVE MY HAND.

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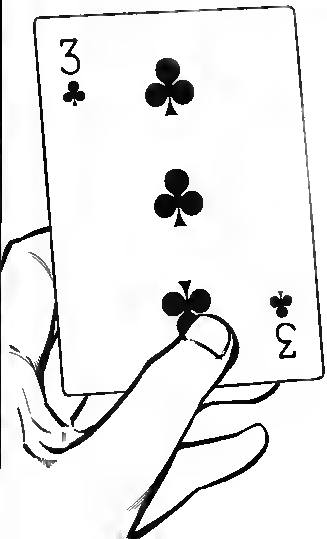
JACK OR ACE, JACK OR ACE...

SAYS THE GUY WHO FOLDED TWO ROUNDS IN.
DON'T BE PETTY, RAISE THE STAKES, AZUE...

IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN BETTER TO FOLD.
AH, THIS SUCKS.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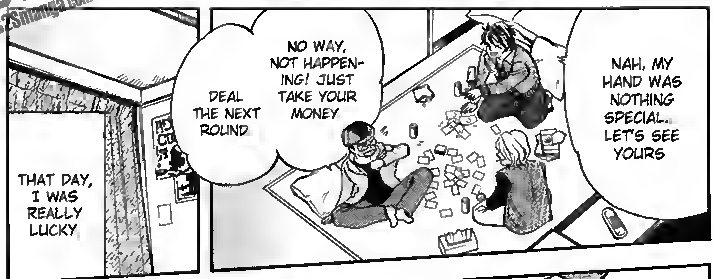
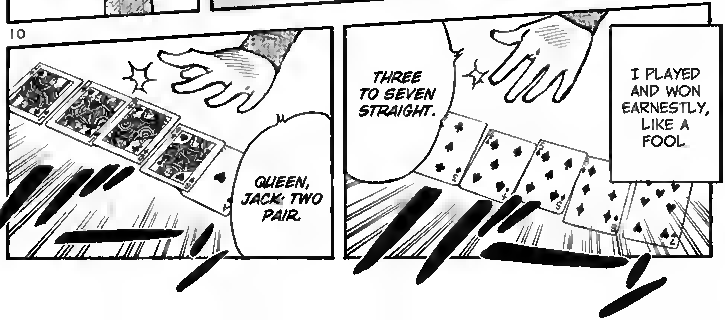
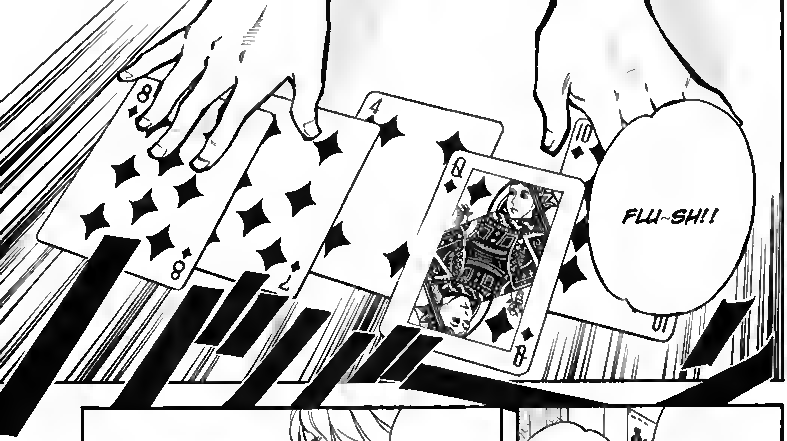

NAH, MY HAND WAS NOTHING SPECIAL. LET'S SEE YOURS
NO WAY, NOT HAPPENING! JUST TAKE YOUR MONEY
DEAL THE NEXT ROUND
THAT DAY, I WAS REALLY LUCKY





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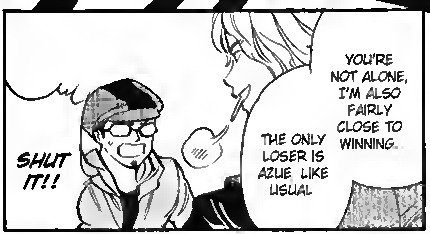

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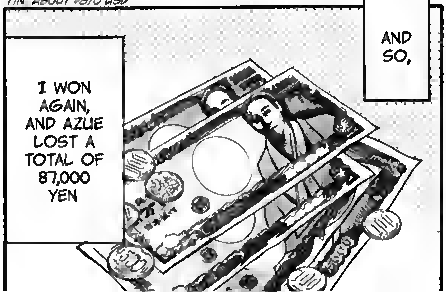

TN: ABOUT $480 USD

TWO DAYS LATER, I GOT A CALL FROM SAKASHITA.
AND I WAS IN A COMPLETELY GOOD MOOD, BUT...
NEXT TIME, I WANT TO TRY OUT A CASINO.
HUH? WHAT WAS THAT?!

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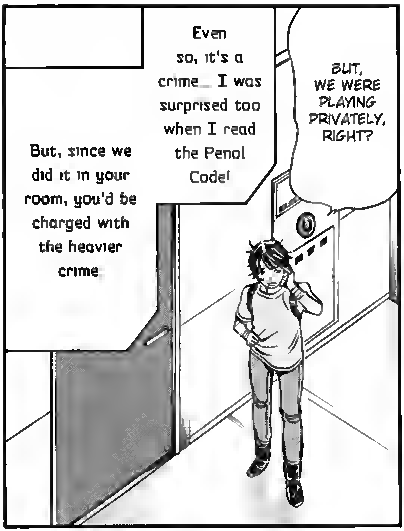
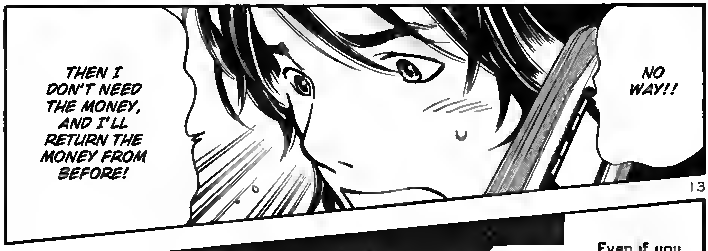
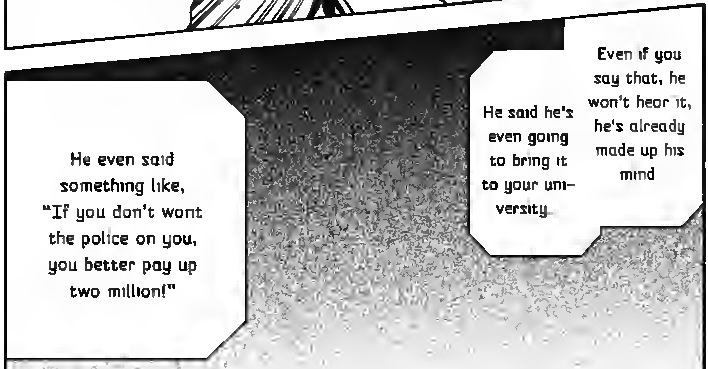

BUT, WE WERE PLAYING PRIVATELY, RIGHT?
Even so, it's a crime... I was surprised too when I read the Penal Code!
But, since we did it in your room, you'd be charged with the heavier crime

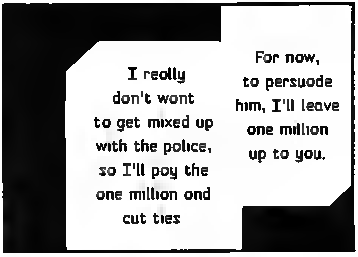
THE POLICE?!
If he goes to the police, we'll all be arrested for gambling


NO WAY!!
THEN I DON'T NEED THE MONEY, AND I'LL RETURN THE MONEY FROM BEFORE!


Even if you say that, he won't hear it, he's already made up his mind
He said he's even going to bring it to your university
He even said something like, "If you don't want the police on you, you better pay up two million!"

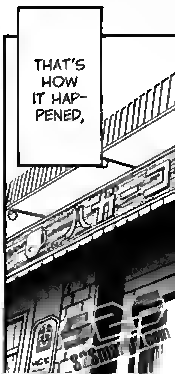
T-TWO MILLION?!
I actually only met him recently myself...
I never thought he was that kind of guy... I'm terribly sorry you got wrapped up in this.

What are you gonna do, Maezono?
WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO DO?

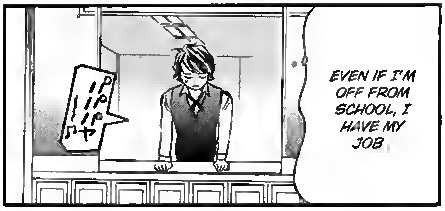

For now, to persuade him, I'll leave one million up to you.
I really don't want to get mixed up with the police, so I'll pay the one million and cut ties

FOR A STUDENT, AN EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND LOAN IS PRETTY BAD.

STORIES THAT ARE TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, ARE PITFALLS. AND THOSE PITFALLS ARE LARGE HOLES.
I LEARNED MY LESSON.


THAT'S HOW IT HAPPENED,

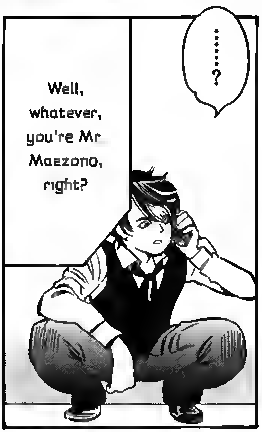
Oh?
EH? WHO?


EVEN IF I'M OFF FROM SCHOOL, I HAVE MY JOB

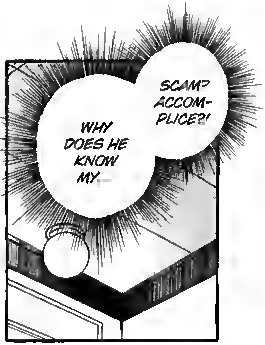
Hello? It's me
HELLO?

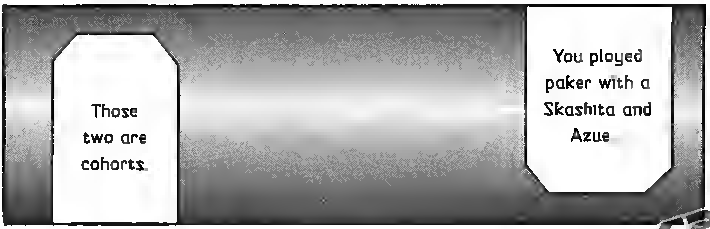
That's strange, the story didn't get to you?
Thot old mon He told me he called ohead

You recently had one millian taken from you by on accomplice scam two-man group, right?
UH...


Well, whatever, you're Mr Maezono, right?
.....?

You don't want to do that
You should get your money back from Sakashita
HEY... IF THIS IS A PRANK, STOP IT...
I'M HANGING UP


SCAM? ACCOMPLICE?!
WHY DOES HE KNOW MY...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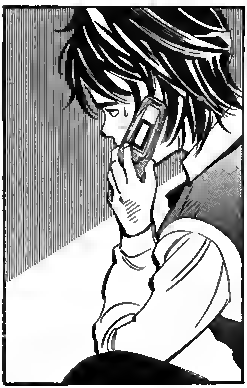
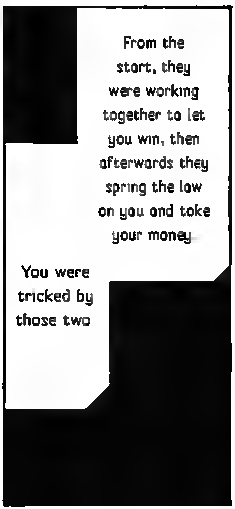
Those two are cohorts...




From the start, they were working together to let you win, then afterwards they spring the law on you and take your money...
You were tricked by those two

If..

I know that, it wasn't your money they were after
..BUT, I'M JUST SMALL FRY.
IF MY MONEY WAS WHAT THEY WERE AFTER
What'll it be?
You want ta take back your maney? I'll help yau aut.
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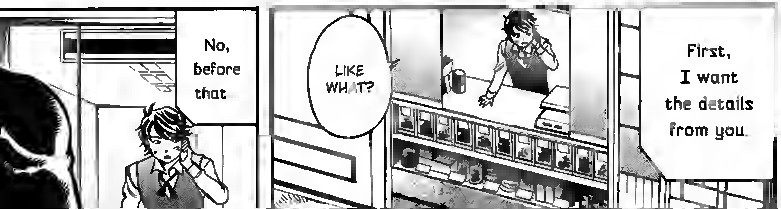
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
...WH


No, before that
LIKE WHAT?
First, I want the details from you.

ONE ICED CAFE AU LAIT, PLEASE, MR MAEZONO.
With two shots of syrup
UH..
THIS GUY?!

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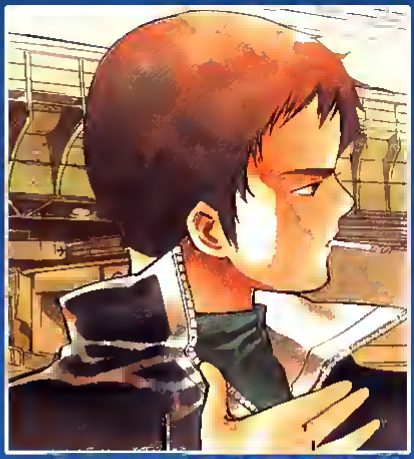

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HERE'S YOUR ORDER.
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ONE SLICE OF PUMPKIN PUDDING PIE, ONE SLICE OF ROAST STRAWBERRY CHEESECAKE...
ONE BLACK CHOCOLATE DEVIL PARFAIT, AND A MEGA CREAM PUFF.
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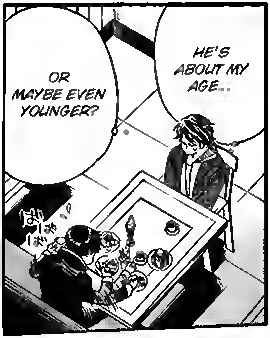

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ON THE PHONE, YOU SAID THOSE TWO WERE COHORTS.
WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THAT?
U-UMM...
THERE'S ONE THING I DON'T GET.
.....
WASN'T JUST FOR AZUE, BUT SAKASHITA AS WELL?
ARE YOU SAYING THE MILLION TAKEN FROM ME
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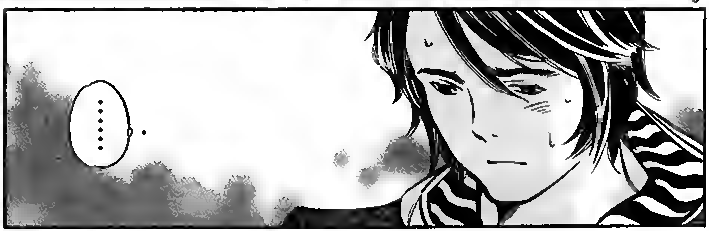
SAKASHITA IS...?!
SINCE SAKASHITA'S THE PRINCIPAL OFFENDER,
IT'S LIKELY THAT ALL THE MONEY IS SAKASHITA'S.
ACTUALLY,

I LOOKED INTO THIS METHOD OF USING GAMBLING A LITTLE; AZUE IS PROBABLY NOT SAKASHITA'S ONLY PARTNER.
HE PROBABLY HAS A WIDE GROUP OF 'FRIENDS' WHO HE USES TO CONTINUE THIS FRAUD.
EH..
SO, I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE HE'S CAUGHT IN THIS TRAP?
YEP
THERE ARE OTHERS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR MONEY?!
YOU SHOCKED?
A LITTLE
.....

JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN HAVE A PLEASANT CONVERSATION WITH SOMEONE, DOESN'T MAKE THEM FRIENDS
HUH?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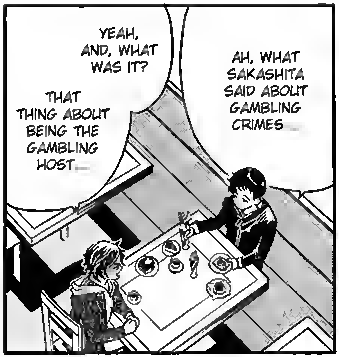
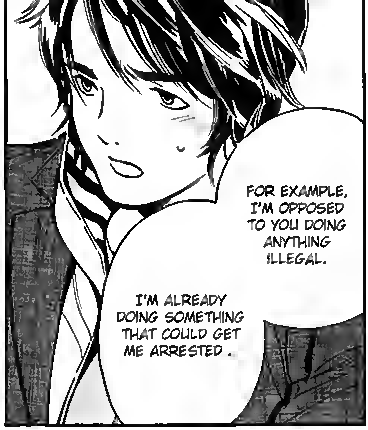
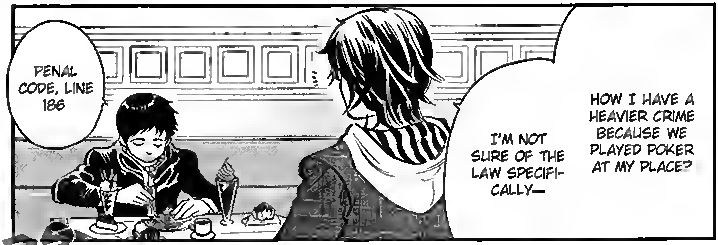
YOU... SAID YOU CAN GET MY MONEY BACK,
BUT HOW DO YOU PLAN ON DOING SO?







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FOR ONE WHO REGULARLY GAMBLES, THE SENTENCE IS NO MORE THAN THREE YEARS.
FOR ONE WHO OPENS A CASINO, OR PROFITS IN CONNECTION TO GAMBLING, THE SENTENCE IS NO LESS THAN THREE MONTHS, AND NO MORE THAN FIVE YEARS.

INDEED, BEING THE GAMBLING HOST IS A HEAVIER CRIME.
THAT SAID, THE QUESTION IS WHETHER IT APPLIES TO YOUR CASE.
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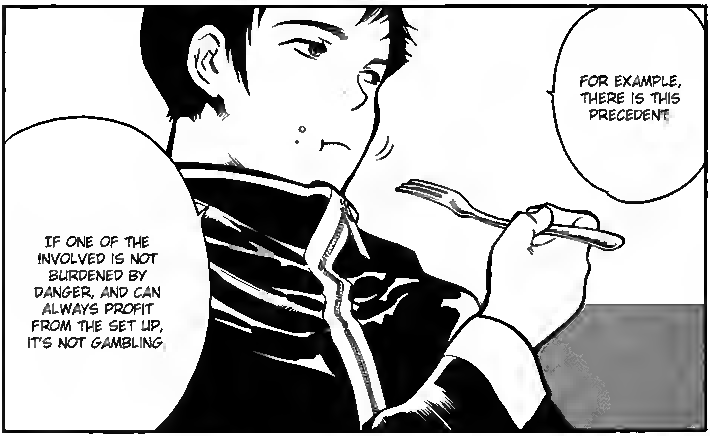
FOR EXAMPLE, THERE IS THIS PRECEDENT.
IF ONE OF THE INVOLVED IS NOT BURDENED BY DANGER, AND CAN ALWAYS PROFIT FROM THE SET UP, IT'S NOT GAMBLING.

THIS TIME, WHAT WE KNOW FOR SURE IS THAT SAKASHITA AND AZUE DIDN'T ASK FOR THEIR MONEY BACK FROM PLAYING POKER, BUT...
.....
MEANING, IF THERE'S TRICKERY OUTSIDE THE GAME, IT'S NOT GAMBLING, RIGHT?
MEANING WHAT?

IF THEY LET YOU WIN EVERYTHING, WHEN THEY CALLED YOU LATER SAYING, 'AZUE WILL MAKE A FUSS WITH THE POLICE,' IT WOULD SOUND MORE CREDIBLE.
IF EITHER OF THEM WERE DEALT GOOD CARDS, THEY WOULD FOLD WITHOUT SHOWING THEIR HAND.
THEREFORE, THEY COLLUDED TO LET YOU WIN.

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YEP.
Here's your reward
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SWINDL-ING...?
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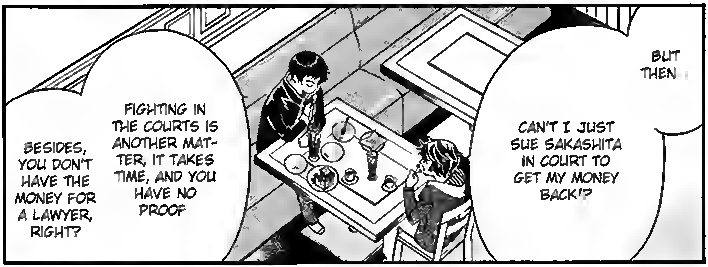
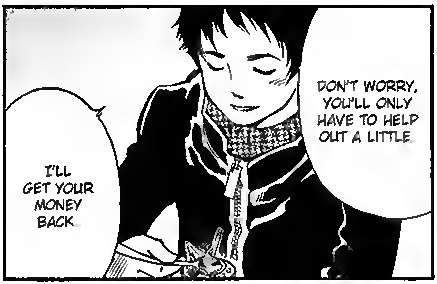
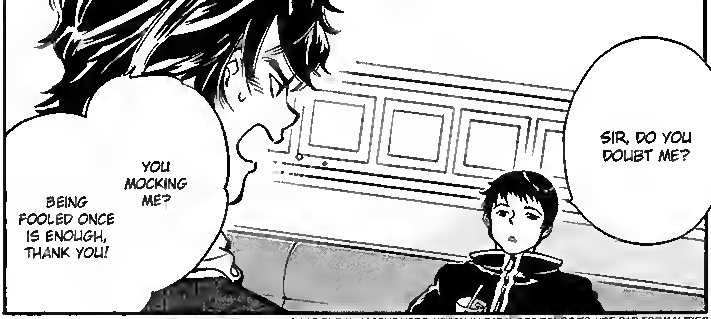

BUT THEN...
CAN'T I JUST SUE SAKASHITA IN COURT TO GET MY MONEY BACK!?
FIGHTING IN THE COURTS IS ANOTHER MATTER, IT TAKES TIME, AND YOU HAVE NO PROOF
BESIDES, YOU DON'T HAVE THE MONEY FOR A LAWYER, RIGHT?


DON'T WORRY, YOU'LL ONLY HAVE TO HELP OUT A LITTLE.
I'LL GET YOUR MONEY BACK.

CAN YOU REALLY DO SUCH A THING?!



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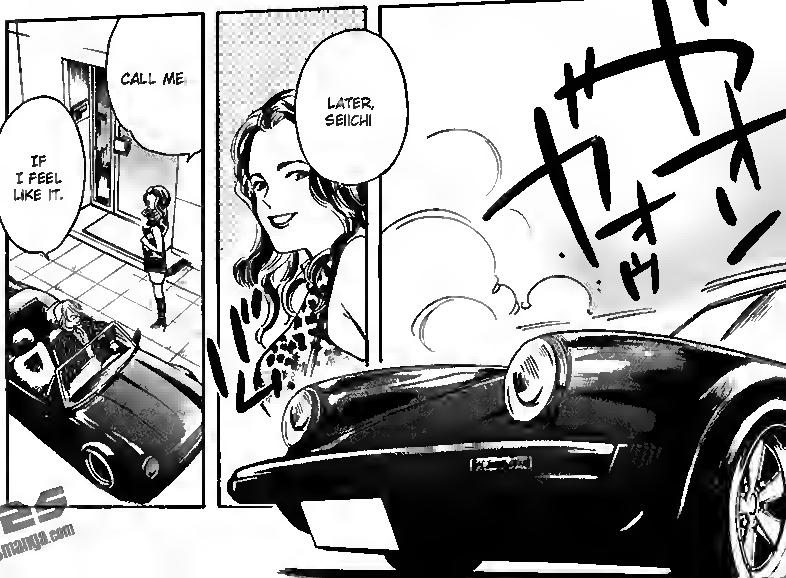

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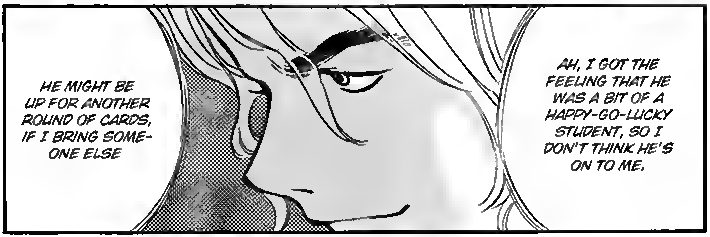
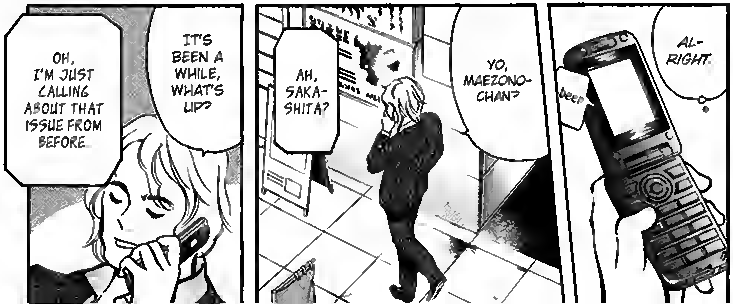
MAE-ZONO?
WHY HIM?
shala lalan lanlan
ANSWER-ING WOULD BE A PAIN
Sha lalan sha


HE MIGHT BE UP FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF CARDS, IF I BRING SOME-ONE ELSE
AH, I GOT THE FEELING THAT HE WAS A BIT OF A HAPPY-GO-LUCKY STUDENT, SO I DON'T THINK HE'S ON TO ME.


OH, I'M JUST CALLING ABOUT THAT ISSUE FROM BEFORE.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, WHAT'S UP?
AH, SAKA-SHITA?
YO, MAEZONO-CHAN?
beep
AL-RIGHT.

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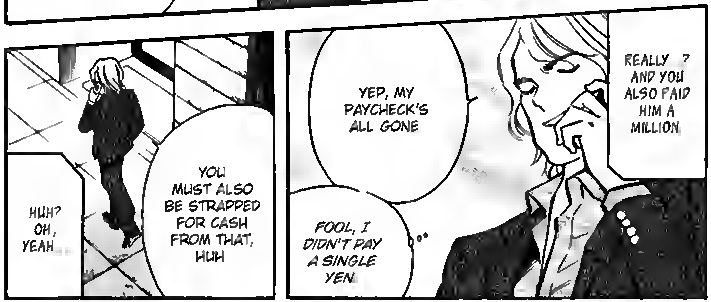
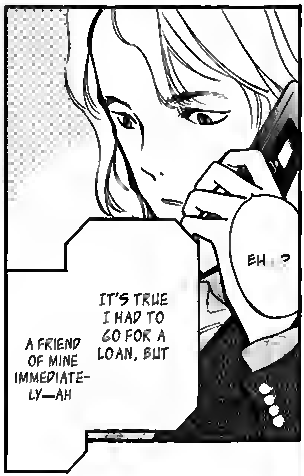
BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM IN A WHILE, SO IF YOU GET INTO TROUBLE, SORRY...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM. I STRAIGHTENED IT ALL OUT.
ABOUT AZUE IS HE STILL SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT GOING TO THE POLICE?


HUH? OH, YEAH...
YOU MUST ALSO BE STRAPPED FOR CASH FROM THAT, HUH
YEP, MY PAYCHECK'S ALL GONE
FOOL, I DIDN'T PAY A SINGLE YEN.
REALLY ? AND YOU ALSO PAID HIM A MILLION.



C'MON MAN, SPILL IT!
.....
NO, I WAS TOLD NOT TO TELL ANYONE
A FRIEND?
A FRIEND DID WHAT?
MY FRIEND... Y'KNOW IT'S JUST BARELY A CRIME...
OR, RATHER, HE WORKS COMPLETELY OUTSIDE THE LAW,
HE COMPLETELY ERASED MY LOAN DATA FROM THE CREDIT AGENCY'S RECORDS...
WELL, HE DID
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, THERE'S NO WAY...
YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT IT?

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I TOLD HIM ABOUT THE MILLION I GAVE TO AZUE
AND HE TOLD ME TO GET A LOAN LIKE NORMAL. AND AFTERWARDS HE WOULD MESS WITH THE COMPUTER TO ERASE MY DATA
WHAT'S MORE, HE FOUND THE PERSON AT THE LOAN FIRM WHO GAVE ME THE LOAN...

HE GOT DOUBLE THE LOAN FROM THE LOAN FIRM, SO AFTER I GAVE AZUE A MILLION,
HE GAVE ME HALF OF THE REMAINING MILLION.
OF COURSE, ANY DATA LEFT FROM MY LOAN WAS ERASED, SO I ACTUALLY MADE OUT BETTER THAN BEFORE.

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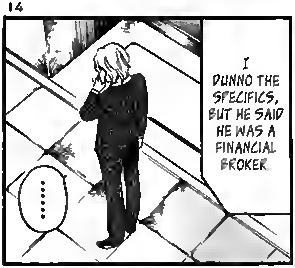
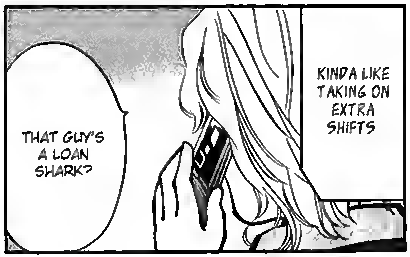
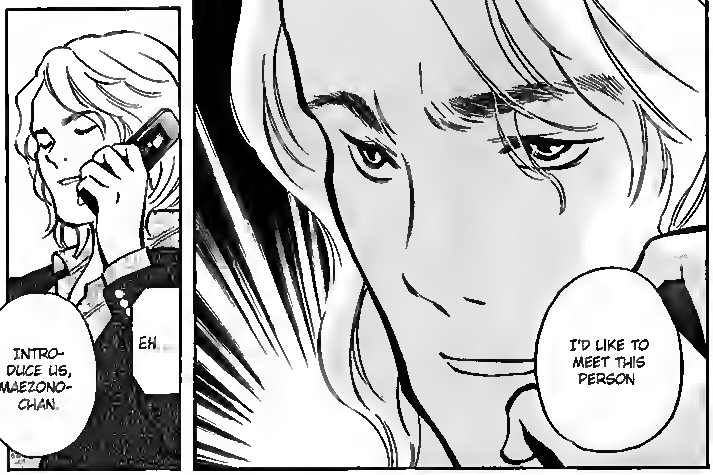
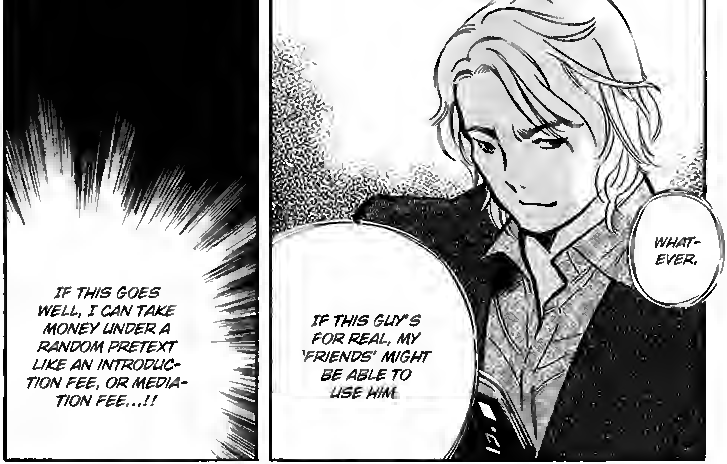


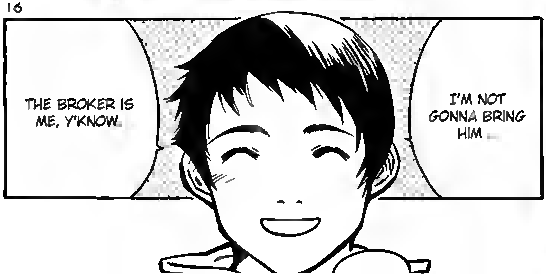



I'D LIKE TO MEET THIS PERSON
EH...
INTRO-DUCE US, MAEZONO-CHAN.

B, BUT, IF I DO THAT, HE'LL KNOW I TALKED
I FORCED IT OUT OF YOU, DIDN'T I?
BUT, REALLY, HE FOUND THE PERSON WHO GAVE YOU THE LOAN??

I KNOW A LOT OF GUYS WHO COULD USE HIS SERVICES, YOU GOTTA TALK TO HIM FOR ME!
.....
W, WELL ALRIGHT...
DON'T LET ME DOWN!
A FI-NANCIAL BROKER FRIEND?
YOU CHEEKY BAS-TARD!
beep


IF THIS GOES WELL, I CAN TAKE MONEY UNDER A RANDOM PRETEXT LIKE AN INTRODUCTION FEE, OR MEDIATION FEE...!!
IF THIS GUY'S FOR REAL, MY 'FRIENDS' MIGHT BE ABLE TO USE HIM.
WHATEVER.



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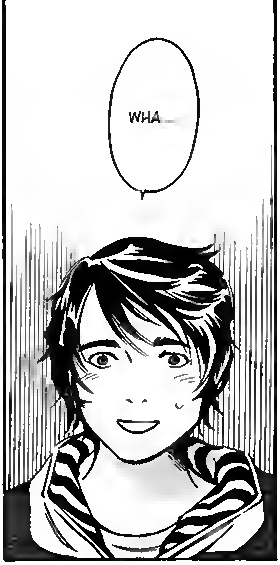
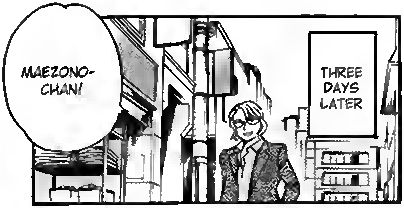

WHA...


THREE DAYS LATER
MAEZONO-CHAN!

THANKS FOR BRINGING ME THAT GUY
IT'S NOTHING
WELL, INTRODUCE US ALREADY?

YOU SAKASHITA?

WOAH, WOAH, THIS GUY'S PRACTICALLY A KID
IS THIS REALLY THE GUY ..?

I'M NARAZAKI
I HEARD YOUR PIECE FROM MAEZONO.
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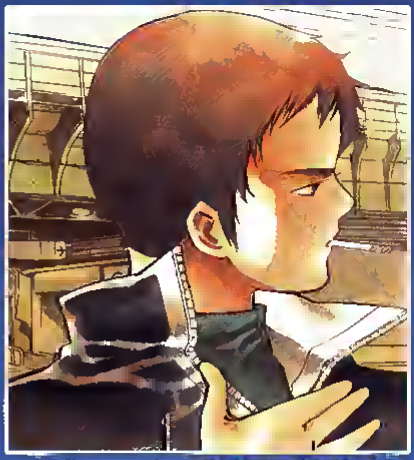

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I HEARD FROM MAE-ZONO,
THAT YOU WANT TO HELP OUT WITH MY WORK?
THEN YOU HEARD FROM HIM WHAT IT EN-TAILS?
ROUGHLY... BUT, I STILL DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS YET...
IN SHORT, IT'S LIKE THIS ..
JEEZ,
DOES HE REALLY DO THAT KIND OF WORK?!

SOMEONE BORROWS MONEY FROM A LOAN FIRM, THEN I PLAY WITH THE LOAN DATA ON THE COMPUTER TO ERASE IT.
THEN, THE PERSON WHO ACTUALLY BORROWED THE MONEY, AND I, WHO ERASED THE DATA, SPLIT THE MONEY.
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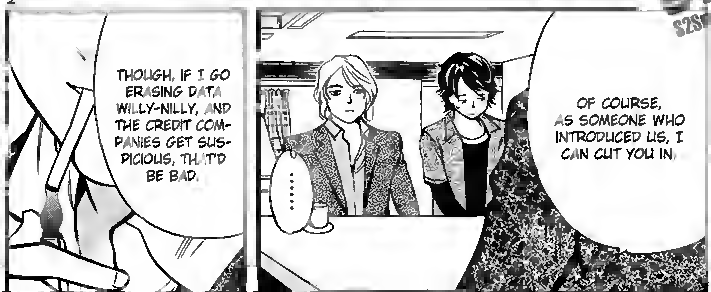
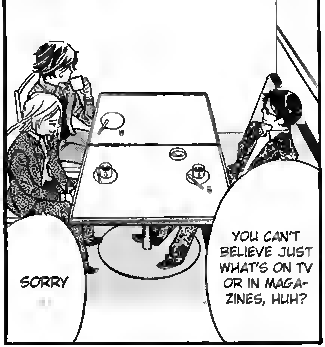
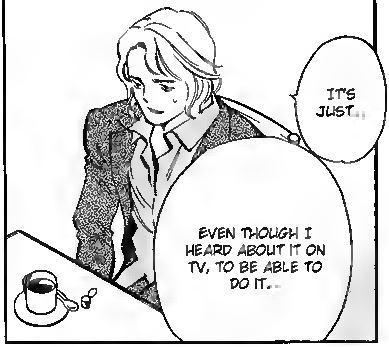
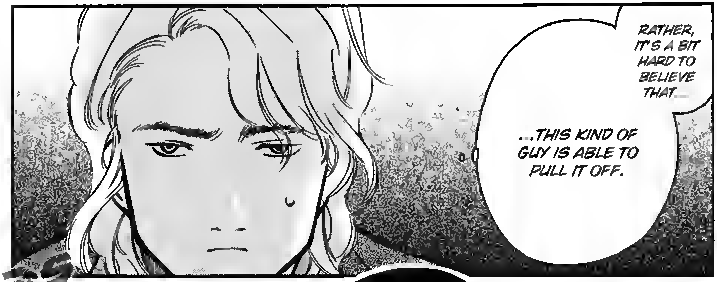

THOUGH, IF I GO ERASING DATA WILLY-NILLY, AND THE CREDIT COMPANIES GET SUSPICIOUS, THAT'D BE BAD.
.....
OF COURSE, AS SOMEONE WHO INTRODUCED US, I CAN CUT YOU IN.

SO, YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A LOT OF THOSE SORT OF PEOPLE, RIGHT?
I FIND THAT, RATHER THAN TAKING IT ALL, "BAM!", AT ONCE, HAVING MANY PEOPLE TAKING SMALLER LOANS WORKS THE BEST
NOPE,
I'VE HEARD ABOUT THIS BEFORE.
WELL, YOU MIGHT BE WONDERING HOW I NOT ONLY ERASE THE DATA, BUT ALSO MAKE SURE ANYONE WHO CHECKS WILL THINK THEY DREAMED IT, BUT—
THEN THAT MAKES THIS QUICKER.
YEAH, I FEEL LIKE IT WAS ON TV, OR MAYBE A MAGAZINE...
REALLY?







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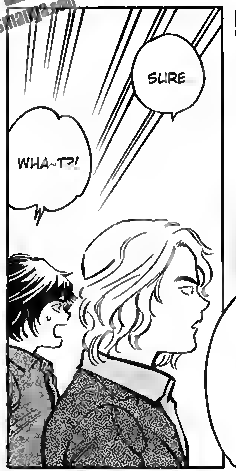
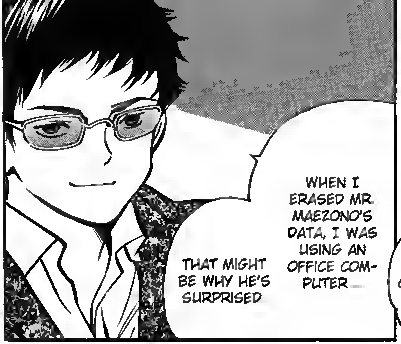
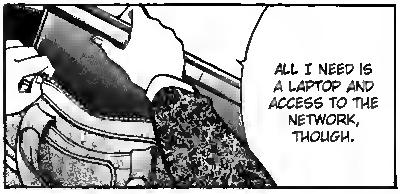
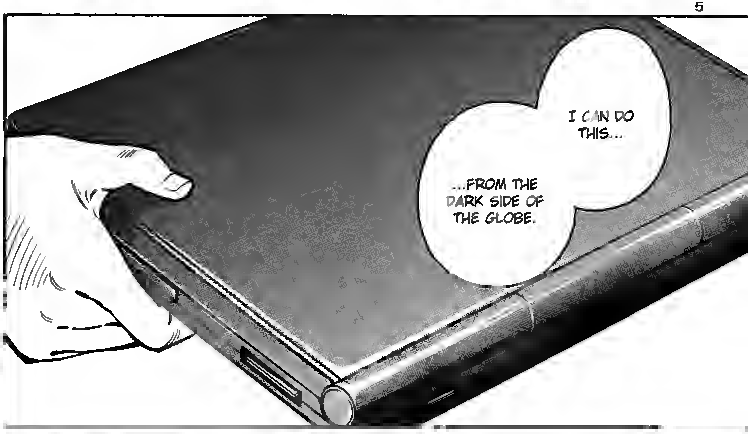



THAT MIGHT BE WHY HE'S SURPRISED
WHEN I ERASED MR. MAEZONO'S DATA, I WAS USING AN OFFICE COMPUTER...

AH, WELL, Y'KNOW...
WHY ARE YOU SURPRISED? YOU HAD HIM DO THIS ONCE, DIDN'T YOU?
CRAP...


ALL I NEED IS A LAPTOP AND ACCESS TO THE NETWORK, THOUGH.


I CAN DO THIS...
...FROM THE DARK SIDE OF THE GLOBE.

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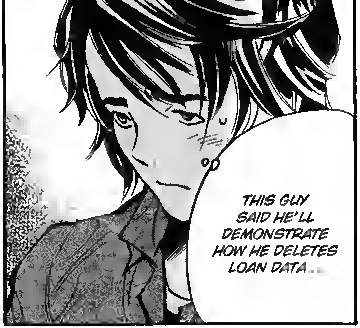
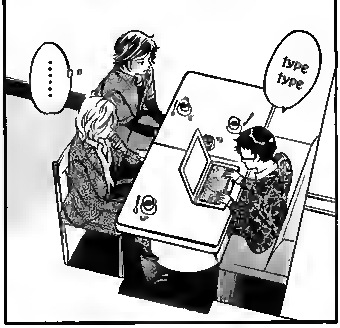

THIS GUY SAID HE'LL DEMONSTRATE HOW HE DELETES LOAN DATA...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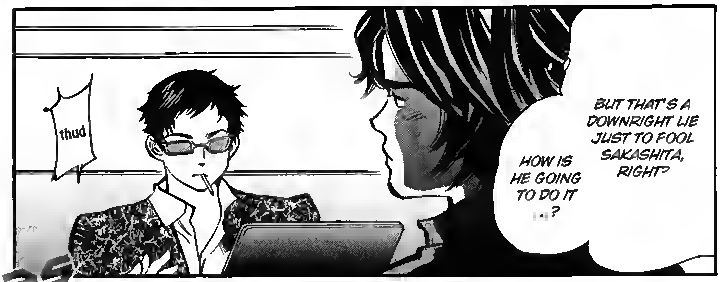
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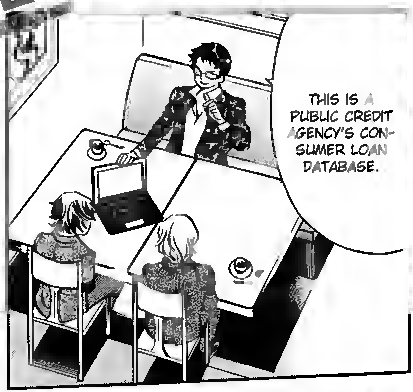
HOW IS HE GOING TO DO IT...?
BUT THAT'S A DOWNRIGHT LIE JUST TO FOOL SAKASHITA, RIGHT?


THIS IS A PUBLIC CREDIT AGENCY'S CONSUMER LOAN DATABASE.

ALRIGHT, I'M IN.

Consumer Loan Database
Entry:

GIVE ME A RANDOM NAME.
UH, THEN SUZUKI HIROSHI.
SU-ZU-KI
type
type
01 Suzuki Hiroshi
02 S42. 1. 1.
THERE'S A HIT.
THIS "MR SUZUKI HIROSHI" HAS BORROWED AROUND A HUNDRED THOUSAND YEN.
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AND NOW...
WATCH CAREFULLY.
tap

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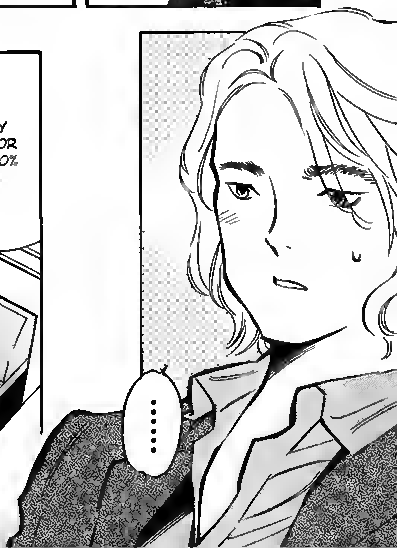
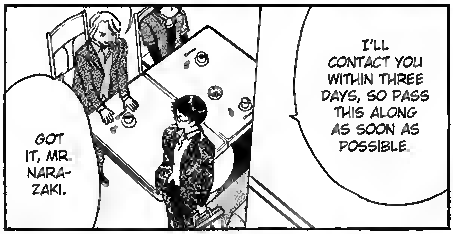
08 Remaining Amount: None

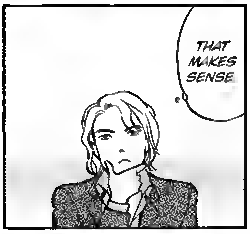


20%, HUH...
IF ONE PERSON TAKES OUT A MILLION YEN, AND TEN PEOPLE DO THIS, I MAKE TWO MILLION...
THIS SOUNDS ENTICING
GOT IT
I CAN BRING THEM ANY TIME?
NO NEED TO BRING 'EM...
I'LL CONTACT YOU SOON WITH PLACES I'VE SELECTED TO TAKE OUT LOANS FROM

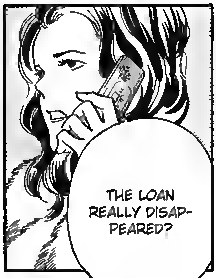
UH, YOU DON'T WANT TO MEET THEM?
I COULD, BUT...
IF I MEET THEM DIRECTLY, WON'T YOUR ROLE AS INTRODUCER DISAPPEAR?
AND THEN YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO CONFIRM GETTING YOUR CUT, IS THAT FINE?
!

AND IT'S FASTER TO DEAL WITH JUST YOU, THAN A WHOLE GROUP.
THAT'S WHY I HAVE NO ISSUE PAYING A MIDDLEMAN LIKE YOU
MEETING EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE BORROWERS IS A HASSLE FOR ME
I THOUGHT SO
AH, NO, THAT'S...


GOT IT, MR. NARAZAKI.
I'LL CONTACT YOU WITHIN THREE DAYS, SO PASS THIS ALONG AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

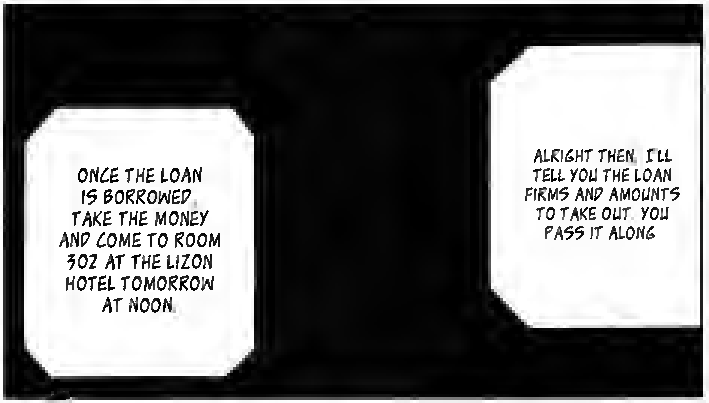

THAT MAKES SENSE.

YEAH, BUT...
I ACTUALLY SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES, SO THERE'S NO MISTAKE


THE LOAN REALLY DISAPPEARED?

NOW TO CALL MY "FRIENDS".
ALRIGHT

ISN'T IT FITTING FOR THIS SORT OF SIDELINE?
AND YOU GET IT FOR FREE...
FOOL, YOU GET 10%, WHICH MEANS IF YOU BORROW A MILLION YEN, YOU GET A HUNDRED THOUSAND.
EVEN THOUGH I'M THE ONE TAKING OUT THE LOAN, HE'S GOING TO TAKE 70%, RIGHT?
...WEREN'T YOU INTRODUCED BY THAT MAEZONO GUY, SAKASHITA?
BUT, THAT GUY...
I DON'T THINK I CAN GO ALONG WITH THIS. MAEZONO ALREADY CUT HIS TIES WITH US.
IT'S FINE. HE ONLY INTRODUCED US, HE HAS NO DIRECT RELATION TO THIS
I GUESS IT'S FINE THEN
THEN YOU'LL DO IT?
Sha-lala-lan ♫


ONCE THE LOAN IS BORROWED, TAKE THE MONEY AND COME TO ROOM 302 AT THE LIZON HOTEL TOMORROW AT NOON.
ALRIGHT THEN. I'LL TELL YOU THE LOAN FIRMS AND AMOUNTS TO TAKE OUT. YOU PASS IT ALONG

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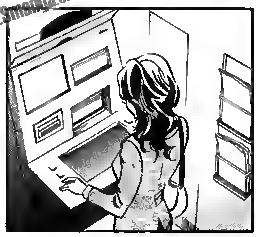

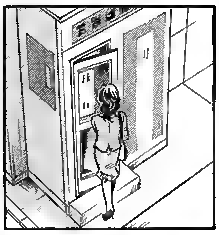

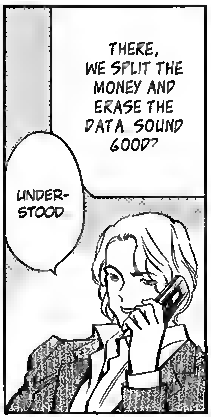

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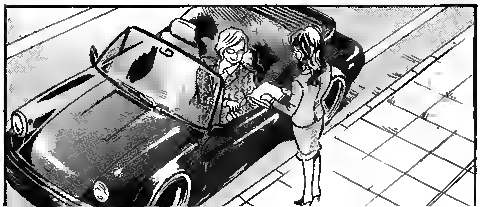
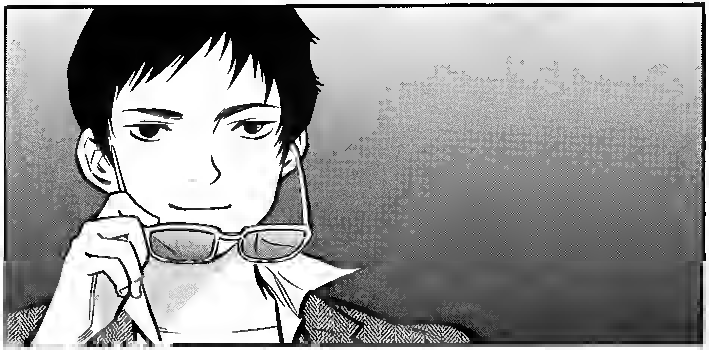
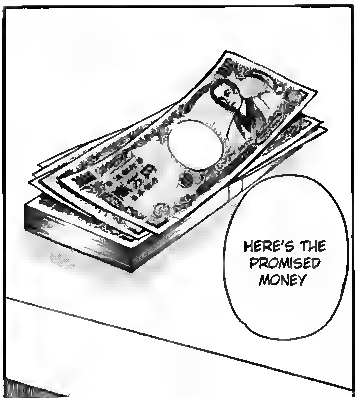




ONE MILLION FIFTY THOUSAND YEN— AND I EVEN THREW IN THE INTEREST FOR THE LOAN SHARK
TH-THANKS


HERE'S THE PROMISED MONEY

WITH THAT,
Coffee Set

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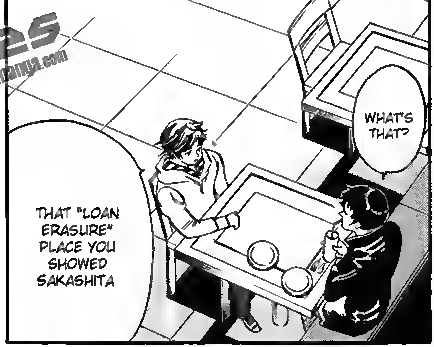

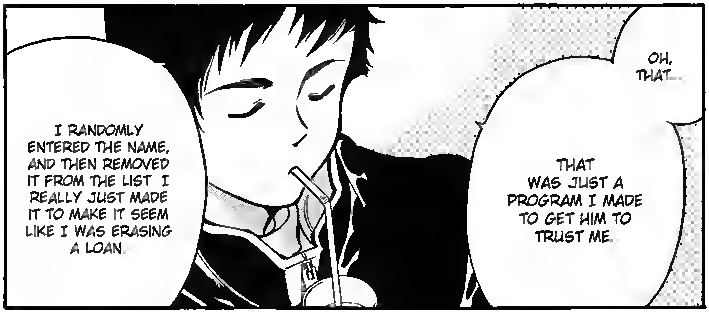
OH, THAT...
THAT WAS JUST A PROGRAM I MADE TO GET HIM TO TRUST ME.
I RANDOMLY ENTERED THE NAME, AND THEN REMOVED IT FROM THE LIST. I REALLY JUST MADE IT TO MAKE IT SEEM LIKE I WAS ERASING A LOAN.

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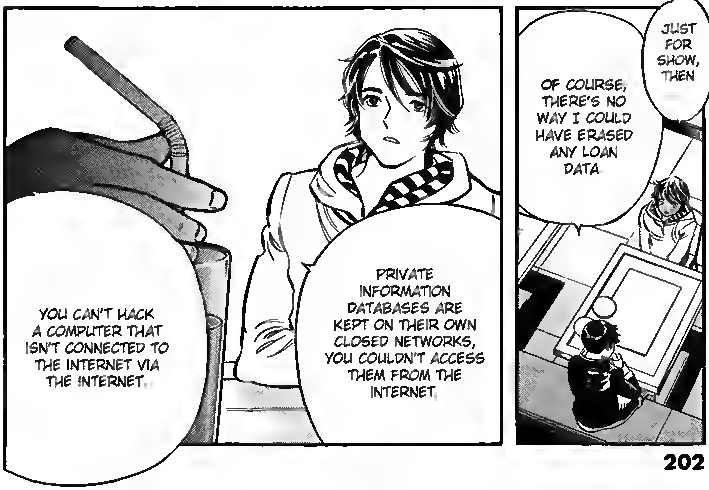
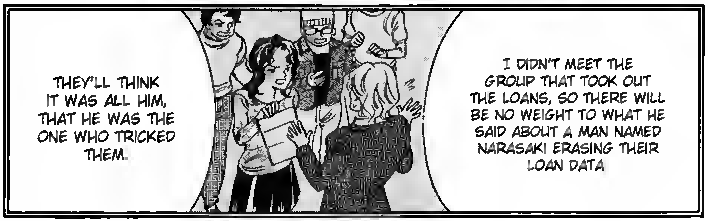
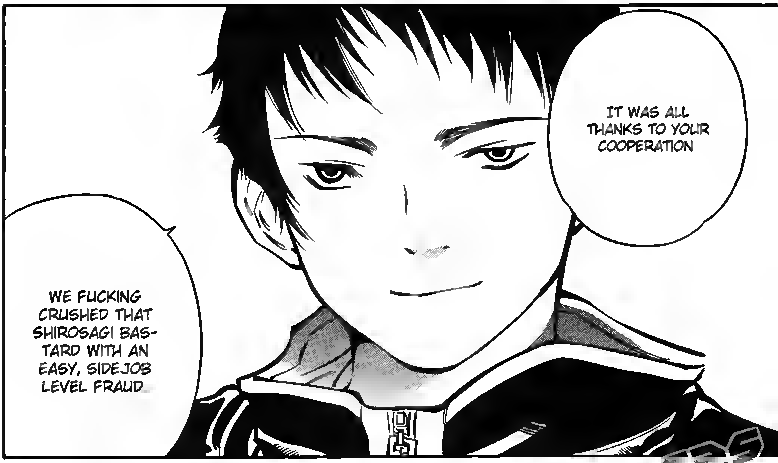

JUST FOR SHOW, THEN
OF COURSE, THERE'S NO WAY I COULD HAVE ERASED ANY LOAN DATA
PRIVATE INFORMATION DATABASES ARE KEPT ON THEIR OWN CLOSED NETWORKS, YOU COULDN'T ACCESS THEM FROM THE INTERNET.
YOU CAN'T HACK A COMPUTER THAT ISN'T CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET VIA THE INTERNET.

WITHOUT HIM KNOWING THAT, I MADE HIM BELIEVE THAT I ERASED THE DATA FROM THAT LAPTOP.
I COULD TELL WHAT LEVEL OF SHIROSAGI HE WAS
.....

NEXT WEEK I'M MOVING BACK TO MY PARENTS' HOUSE.
I'D BE IN TROUBLE IF SAKASHITA WENT BACK TO MY APARTMENT
I CAN GO TO SCHOOL FROM THERE FOR NOW.
MR. MAEZONO, YOU'LL NEED TO CHANGE YOUR PHONE NUMBER TOO. COME NEXT MONTH IT'LL BE RINGING OFF THE HOOK.
SINCE THE BILL FROM THE LOAN FIRMS WILL BE COMING, RIGHT?
NOT TO MENTION, ONCE THEY FIND OUT THEIR LOAN DATA WASN'T ERASED, THEY'LL BE COMPLAINING TO SAKASHITA


I DIDN'T MEET THE GROUP THAT TOOK OUT THE LOANS, SO THERE WILL BE NO WEIGHT TO WHAT HE SAID ABOUT A MAN NAMED NARASAKI ERASING THEIR LOAN DATA
THEY'LL THINK IT WAS ALL HIM, THAT HE WAS THE ONE WHO TRICKED THEM.



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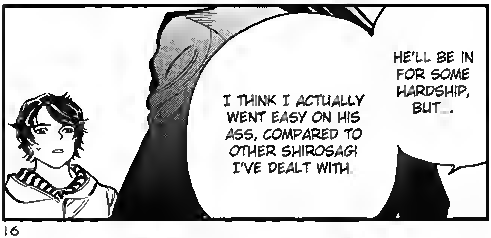

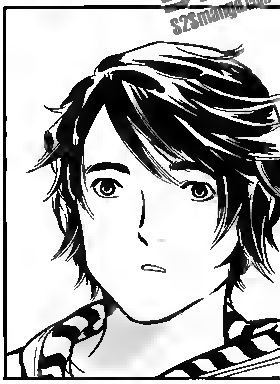

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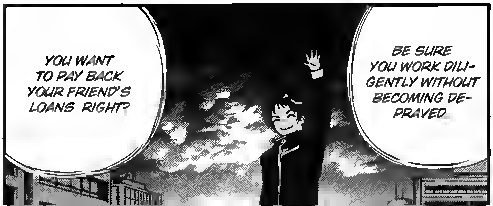

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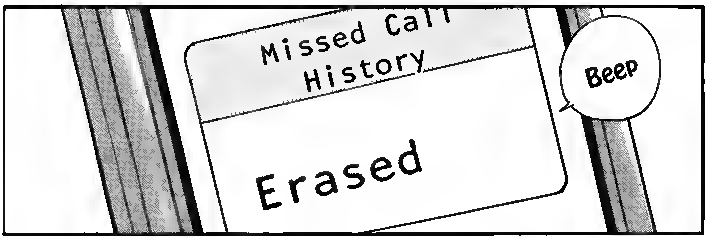
Call 1
Unavailable Number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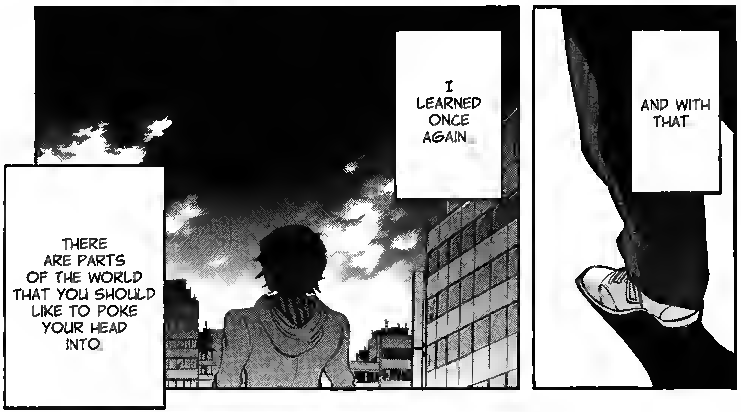
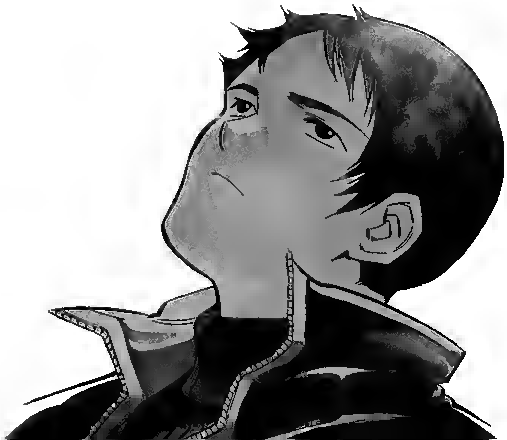
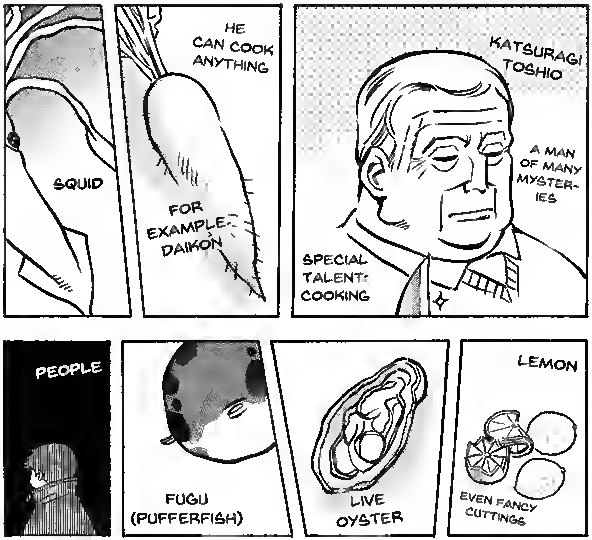
Beep


THERE ARE PARTS OF THE WORLD THAT YOU SHOULD LIKE TO POKE YOUR HEAD INTO.
I LEARNED ONCE AGAIN...
AND WITH THAT

BUT I DIDN'T THINK I COULD BEFRIEND HIM.
THIS TIME I MET A MAN WHO DEFRAUDS SWINDLERS AND GETS YOUR MONEY BACK FOR YOU.
BUT I THINK I UNDER-STOOD IT.
THE DAY I MET HIM UP TO THE DAY WE PARTED WAS THE SPACE OF A FEW DAYS,

HE WAS A PERSON WHO LIVES DAILY IN THE UNDER-WORLD,
SOMEONE COMPLETELY OPPOSITE OF MY WAY OF LIFE.





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